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It has been our wish in compiling this  
the 1928 Ista to preserve for ourselves, and  
our associates, the phases of our college  
life which we have thought worthy of our  
remembrance.

If in the years to come this publication  
will bring back fond memories and renew  
old acquaintances we will feel greatly re-  
warded for our efforts.



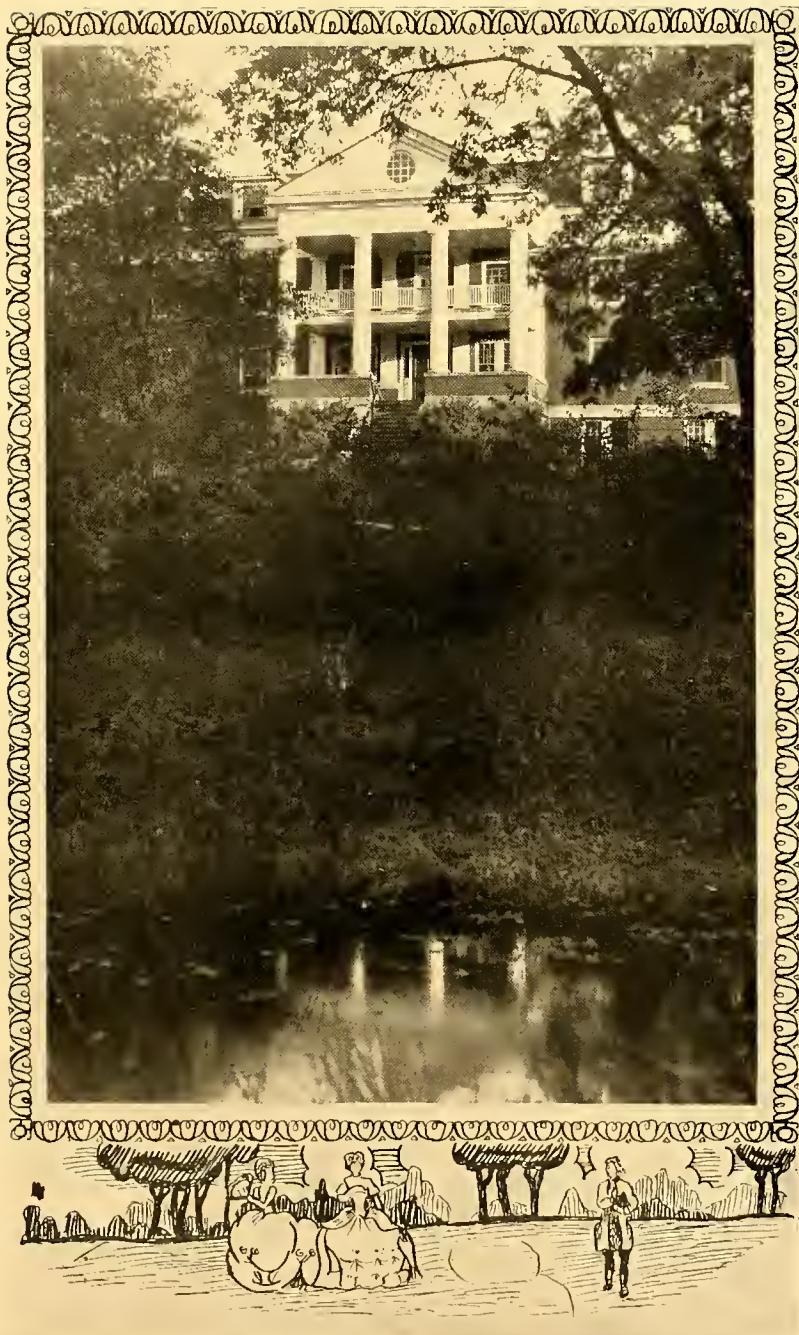
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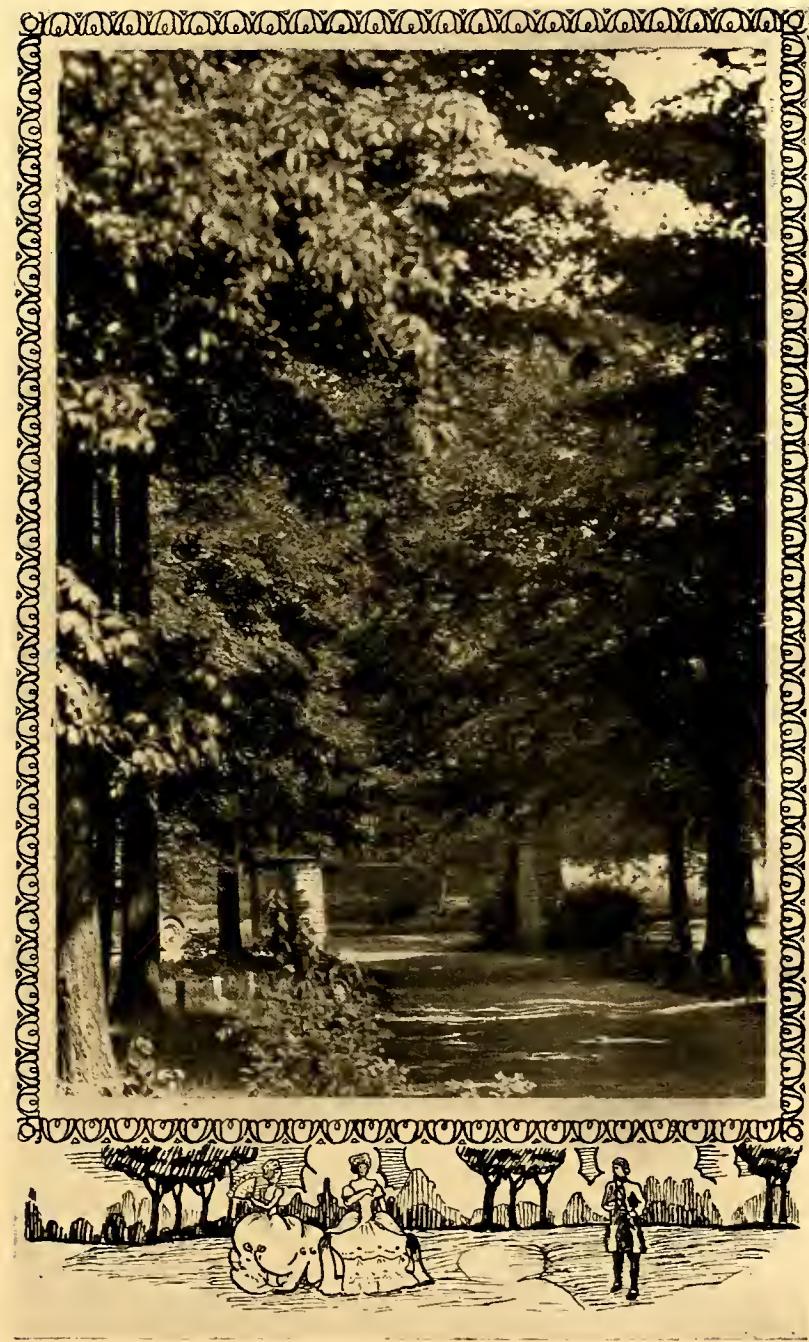
TO the SPIRIT of Bluffton College that is  
exemplified in the spiritual ideals, intellec-  
tual achievements, and the physical endur-  
ance set up by our Alma Mater, we the  
Junior Class dedicate in high esteem the  
lata of 1928.













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**SAMUEL K. MOSIMAN**

**President**

**Ph. D. University of Halle, Germany**

**Litt. D Wittenberg College**

The first among the men who are guiding Bluffton's career, is Dr. S. K. Mosiman, our president. He serves Bluffton in a capacity that could not well be duplicated. His high ideals and Christian living provides a check for the thoughtless and a stimulus to the thoughtful expressions of youth.

The fact that he can recall his own college days has made him very popular among the students, who insist upon calling him "Prexy" because he is a "regular fellow". Misfortunes at Bluffton have never left any ill-will, for "Prexy" is always ready to discuss problems and advise the troubled students. His tactful ways are always convincing and sincere, because he has a personal interest in each student.

We believe that his absence last year will eventually contribute towards a longer service in the capacity of first among us, and that he has returned with a still wider sphere of education, which will help make and sustain Bluffton's reputation.



**NOAH E. BYERS**

Dean

B. S. Northwestern University

A. M. Harvard University

Every institution, large or small has an impelling force which is necessary to cause it to function and coordinate. In Bluffton Dean N. E. Byers furnishes his share of this force. Through generations of students his leadership has not been questioned.

As dean of the college, it is his duty to deal with problems of discipline. Through the enforcement of rules and the upholding of principles he finds himself in line for much criticism. However, his actions are directed by conscientious decisions and in the end his critics have been converted to his methods. We admire him for his vigor, his intensity, and his stern sense of justice.

He, being a professor of psychology and philosophy, has a deep insight for human nature and the workings of student minds. Certainly, he has a keen mind for he can analyze immediately and accurately all the problems brought before him. He is, indeed, an intimate and propelling force in the college life on our campus.



**DR. C. H. SMITH, Ph. D., Professor of History.**

A. B., University of Illinois, 1902; A. M., The University of Chicago, 1903; Phi Beta Kappa, 1903; Instructor, Goshen College, 1903-05; Ph. D., The University of Chicago, 1907; Instructor, Illinois State Normal, Summer of 1907; Instructor of History, High School Indianapolis, Ind., 1907; Professor of History and Social Sciences, Goshen College, 1908-13; Dean of Goshen College, 1908-13; Acting Professor of History, Bethel College, 1922-23; Professor of History, Bluffton College, 1913—



**ELIZABETH BOEHR, B. S., Assistant Professor of Home Economics.**

B. S., University of Nebraska, 1917; Omicron Nu, 1927; Graduate Student, University of Chicago, 1922; Graduate Student, Columbia University, 1926; Instructor in Home Economics, West Point, Nebr., High School, 1927-18; Instructor in Home Economics, Bluffton College, 1918-22; Assistant Professor of Home Economics, Bluffton College, 1922—



**HERBERT WELLER BERKY, A. B., Professor of Chemistry.**

Graduate Perkiomen Seminary, 1909; A. B., Princeton University, 1913; Graduate Student, The University of Chicago; Instructor in Physical Sciences, Bluffton College, 1913-16; Assistant Professor of Physical Sciences, Bluffton College, 1916-21 Professor of Chemistry, Bluffton College, 1921—



**M'DELLA MOON, A. M., Professor of Biology**  
A. B., Miami University, 1921; Student, Lake Laoratory, Put-in-Bay, Ohio; Assistant Principal and Teacher of Science, Independence High School, Independence, Kentucky, 1918-19; Teacher of Science, Brookville High School, Brookville, Ohio, 1919-20; Scholar, The Ohio State University, 1923-24; Instructor in Biology, Bluffton College, 1921-25; Assistant Professor of Biology, Bluffton College, 1925-28; A. M., Ohio State University, 1927; Professor of Biology, Bluffton College, 1928—.

**HARVEY E. BEIDLER, A. B., Assistant Professor of Physics and Geology.**

A. B., Bluffton College, 1920; Engineer, Bluffton Electric Light Plant, 1920-22; Superintendent of Bluffton Electric Light Plant 1922-23; Graduate Student, The Ohio State University; Instructor in Physics and Geology, Bluffton College, 1923-28; Assistant Professor of Physics, 1928—.



**PETER EPP, Ph. D., Professor of Modern Languages.**

Student, Seminary Halbstad, Russia, 1904-06; Student, Evangelische Predigerschule, Basel, Switzerland, 1906-08; Graduate, Gymnasium, Basel, Switzerland, 1908-10; Student, University of Basel, 1910-12; Ph. D., University of Basel, 1912; Professor of German, Latin and Psychology, Barvenkovo College of Commerce, Russia, 1912-18; Professor of German and Psychology, Seminary, Russia, 1918-24; Professor of Modern Languages, Bluffton College, 1925—.



REV. JACOB QUIRING, A. M., B. D., Professor of Bible and Greek.

Realschule Weirhof, Germany, 1886-92; Student Evangelische Predigerschule, Basel, Switzerland, 1893-95; A. B., The University of Chicago, 1912; B. D., McCormick Theological Seminary, 1913; A. M., The University of Chicago, 1913; Nettie F. McCormick Fellow in Hebrew, 1913-15; Student in Berlin University, 1913-15 and 1918-21; Pastor of the Deaconess Home, Salem, Lichenrade, Berlin, 1915-17; Professor of Greek, Bluffton College, 1921—.

NAOMI BRENNEMAN, A. M., Professor of English.

A. B. Oberlin College, 1915; A. M., University of Chicago, 1921; Teacher, Public Schools, Elyria, Ohio, 1915-16; Instructor in English, Olivet University, 1917-18; Graduate Student, The University of Chicago, 1926-27; Instructor in English, Bluffton College, 1918-22; Assistant Professor of English, Bluffton College, 1922-25; Professor of English, Bluffton College, 1927—.



CHRISTIAN RICHARD, A. B., Instructor in Romance Languages.

Student, P. M. Preachers School, Vennes, Lausanne, Switzerland, 1909-1912; Student, The Huntington Stone Mission School, Greenwich, London, 1912-13; Missionary in North Africa, 1913-14; University of Geneva, 1915-16; Missionary in North Africa, 1916-24; Teacher, M. C. Preachers School, Brussels, Belgium, 1924-25; Pastor, Embury M.E. Church, Collingswood, N. J., 1926-27; Instructor in Romance Languages, Bluffton College, 1927-28.



**OTTO HOLTKAMP, Mus. B., Professor of Organ and Theory.**

Mus. B., Oberlin Conservatory of Music, 1927; Instructor in Piano and Theory, Goshen College, 1917-23; Organist and Choir Director, English Lutheran Church, Goshen, Indiana, 1917-23; Professor of Organ and Theory, Bluffton College, 1923; Dean of School of Music, 1925—.

**WILBUR HOWE, A. M., Professor of English and Coach of Debating.**

Student, A. E. F. University, Beaune, France, 1919; A. B., Bluffton College, 1920; A. M., The Ohio State University, 1924; Teacher, Trenton, O., High School, 1919-20; Principal, Wayne Township High School, 1920-22; Instructor in English, Bluffton College, 1922-25; Assistant Professor of English, Bluffton College, 1925; Professor of English, Bluffton College, 1928—.



**BOYD D. SMUCKER, M. O., Assistant Professor of Oratory.**

Graduate School of Oratory, Goshen College, 1905; Graduate of Kings School of Oratory, 1906; Special Instructor at Waynesburg College, 1907-12; M. O., Kings School of Oratory, 1908; Director of School of Oratory, Goshen College, 1907-13; Instructor in Oratory, Bluffton College, 1915-25; Assistant Professor of Oratory, Bluffton College, 1925—; Field Representative, Bluffton College, 1915—; Mayor of Bluffton, 1924-25.





**JOHN P. KLASSEN, Assistant Professor of Art.**

Student, Predigerschule, Basel, Switzerland, 1906-09; Graduate, Gymnasium, Basel, Switzerland, 1909; Student, University of Berlin, Germany, 1909; Private Student, Sculpturing and Modeling Munich, Germany, 1909-12; Student, Academy of Fine Arts, Munich, Germany, 1912-14; Student, University of Munich, Germany, 1909-14; Professor of Art, Seminary, Chortiza, Russia, 1920-23; Instructor in Art, Bluffton College, 1924-28; Assistant Professor of Art, Bluffton College, 1928—.

**MRS. J. QUIRING, A. B., Instructor in German.**

Bethel College, Newton, Kansas, 1898-1901; Salem College, Winston Salem, N. C., 1905-07; A. B., Bluffton College, 1927; Instructor in German 1927-28.



**JACOB S. SCHULTZ, A. M., Assistant Professor of Education.**

A. B. in Education, University of Minnesota, 1919; A. M., University of Minnesota, 1924; Teacher and superintendent in private and public schools of Minnesota and Manitoba for ten years between 1909 and 1924; Assistant Professor of Education, Bluffton College, 1924—.





**ANDREW C. BURCKY, A. B., Assistant Professor of Physical Education and Director of Athletics.**

Student, University of Illinois, 1921-22; A. B. Bluffton College, 1922; Instructor in Physical Training and Director of Athletics, Bluffton College, 1922-27; Assistant Professor of Physical Training and Director of Athletics, 1927—.



**EDNA R. HANLEY, A. B. in Lib. Sc., Librarian.**

A. B., Bluffton College, 1923; Secretary to President, Bluffton College, 1922-27; A. B. in Lib. Sc., The University of Michigan, 1927; Librarian, Bluffton College, 1927—.



**C. FLOYD BYERS, A. M., Assistant Professor of Economics and Sociology.**

A. B., Bluffton College, 1923; Pi Delta, 1922; Manager of store, Bluffton, 1923-24; Membership Secretary, Y. M. C. A., Lima, Ohio, 1925; Graduate Student, Ohio State University, 1926; A. M., The Ohio State University, 1927; Instructor in Economics and Sociology, Bluffton College, 1926-28; Assistant Professor of Economics and Sociology, Bluffton College, 1928—.



**PEAR BOGART MANN, Assistant Professor of Pianoforte.**

Student, Bluffton College School of Music, 1905-06; Findlay College, 1907-08; Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, 1908-09; Student with Frederick Maxton, Philadelphia, Summer 1916; Student, Cornell University, Summer 1920; Instructor in Pianoforte, Bluffton College, 1911-18; At present studying with Silvio Scionti of the American Conservatory, Chicago; Assistant Professor of Pianoforte, Bluffton College, 1918—.

**SIDNEY HAUENSTEIN, Ph. C., Assistant Professor of String and Wind Instruments.**

Ph. C., University of Michigan, 1907; Conductor, Bluffton College Orchestra, 1911—; Instructor in String Instruments, Bluffton College, 1911-18; Student, Chicago Musical College, Summer 1921; Assistant Professor of String and Wind Instruments, Bluffton College, 1918—.



**RUTH KREHBIEL, A. B., Assistant Professor in Singing and Theory.**

A. B., Buffton College, 1918; Graduate Student, University of California, 1919-20; Teacher, Sanger, California, Union High School, 1920-22; Student, Hochschule fur Musick, Berlin, 1922-24; Instructor in Singing and Theory, Bluffton College, 1925-27; Assistant Professor in Singing and Theory, Bluffton College, 1927—.



**HENRY P. THIELMAN, A. M., Instructor in Mathematics and the German Language.**

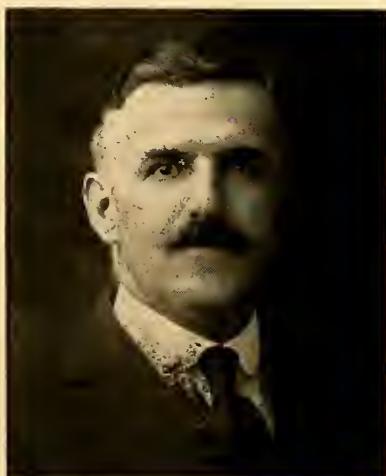
A. B., Bluffton College, 1926; Pi Delta, 1926; A. M., Ohio State University, 1927; Pi Mu Epsilon, 1927; Graduate assistant, The Ohio State University, Department of Mathematics, Summer 1927; Instructor of Mathematics and the German language, Bluffton College, 1927-28.

**RUSSEL A. LANTZ, Assistant Professor of School Music and Singing.**

Graduate, Goshen College School of Music, 1918; Instructor in School Music, Goshen College, Summer 1922; Supervisor of Music, Ashland, Kansas, Schools, 1922-25; Student, Kansas State Teachers College, Summer 1923; Supervisor of Music, Liberal, Kansas, Schools 1925-27; Student of Karleton Hackett, D. A. Clippinger and Anne Slack, American Conservatory of Music, Summer 1926; Instructor in School Music and Singing, Bluffton College, 1927-28; Assistant Professor of Public School Music and Singing, Bluffton College, 1928—.



**H. A. ALDERFER, Treasurer.**



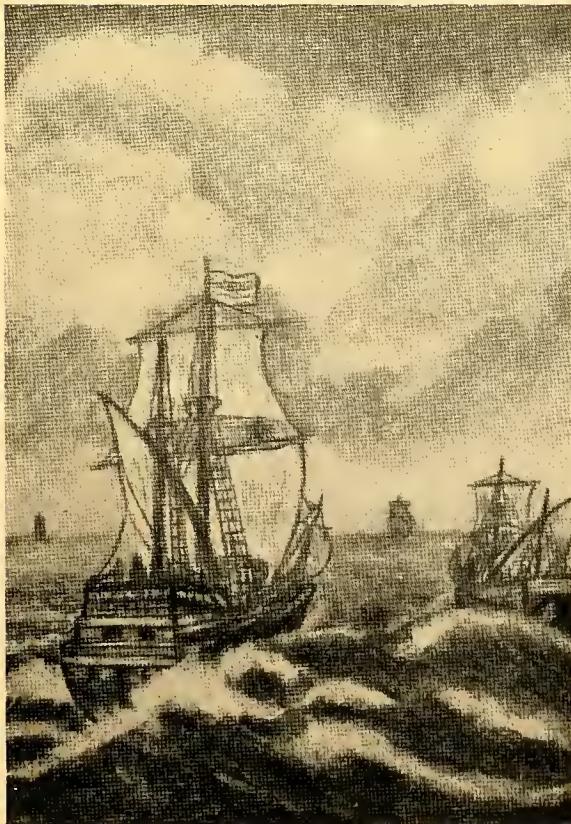


MRS. LOUISA YODER, Matron of Ropp Hall.



C. D. AMSTUTZ, Superintendent of Buildings  
and Grounds.

# CLASSES



SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

Milton Badertscher  
President

Emery Sears  
Vice President

Kathleen Lugibihl  
Secretary





**MARTHA GERBER** Apple Creek, Ohio  
 Major—French Minor—English  
 Attitude toward study—Serious  
 Chief characteristic—Interesting  
 Hobby—Sewing  
 Character—Unassuming  
 Expression—Ginger  
 Nickname—Mart  
 Noted for—Getting along with people  
 Most frequently seen—Glee Club

**KENNETH WRIGHT** Sterling, Ohio  
 Major—Music Minor—History  
 Attitude toward study—Normal  
 Chief characteristic—Inseparable  
 Hobby—Girls  
 Character—Care free  
 Expression—Most anything  
 Nickname—“Kennie”  
 Noted for—Notes  
 Most frequently seen—Country

**MILTON BADERTSCHER** Orrville, Ohio  
 Major—Physics Minor—Mathematics  
 Attitude toward study—Conscientious  
 Chief Characteristic—Altruism  
 Hobby—Student Activities  
 Character—Superlative  
 Expression—“I wouldn’t say that”  
 Nickname—“Milt”  
 Noted for—Graciousness  
 Most frequently seen—At work

**FERNE WELDY** Nappanee, Indiana  
 Major—History Minor—English  
 Attitude toward study—“Outlines for  
 everything  
 Chief characteristic—Talkitiveness  
 Hobby—Telling jokes  
 Character—Amusing  
 Expression—“An-ne are you ready?”  
 Nickname—Pansy  
 Noted for—Halibut steak  
 Most frequently seen—Mothering Anne  
 and Stan



**CARL STUCKEY**

Carlock, Illinois  
 Major—Science      Minor—History  
 Attitude toward study—Diligent  
 Chief characteristic—Cooperation  
 Hobby—Driving  
 Character—Straight-forward  
 Expression—“What dy’u know?”  
 Nickname—“Stuckey”  
 Noted for—Biologist  
 Most frequently seen—in Pandora

**MARY ELIZABETH AMSTUTZ**

Pandora, Ohio  
 Major—Science      Minor—Education  
 Attitude toward study—Intense  
 Chief characteristic—Sincerity  
 Hobby—Treading forbidden ground  
 Character—Tempermental  
 Expression—“Hello Sister!”  
 Nickname—“Biz”  
 Noted for—Fluctuability in weight  
 Most frequently seen—Going to Aunt Mary’s

**BEULAH GEIGER**

Bluffton, Ohio  
 Major—Economics      Minor—History  
 Attitude toward study—Thorough  
 Chief characteristic—Talkitiveness  
 Hobby—Eating  
 Character—Congenial  
 Expression—“Is that so?”  
 Nickname—Has none  
 Noted for—Her gait  
 Most frequently seen—with her “book Suit case”

**JACOB WARKENTIN**

Mountain Lake, Minn.  
 Major—Religious Ed.      Minor—Education  
 Attitude toward study—Serious  
 Chief characteristic—Industry  
 Hobby—Oratory  
 Character—Benignant  
 Expression—“Hello fellas”  
 Nickname—“Jake”  
 Noted for—Arguing  
 Most frequently seen—Library



**LEROY WALKE** Hamilton, Ohio

Major—Mathematics Minor—French  
 Attitude toward study—Passive  
 Chief characteristic—Independence  
 Hobby—Debating  
 Character—Singular  
 Expression—“Now, see here!”  
 Nickname—“Walke”  
 Noted for—Mathematics  
 Most frequently seen—In the cellar

**KATHLEEN LUGIBIHL** Bluffton, Ohio

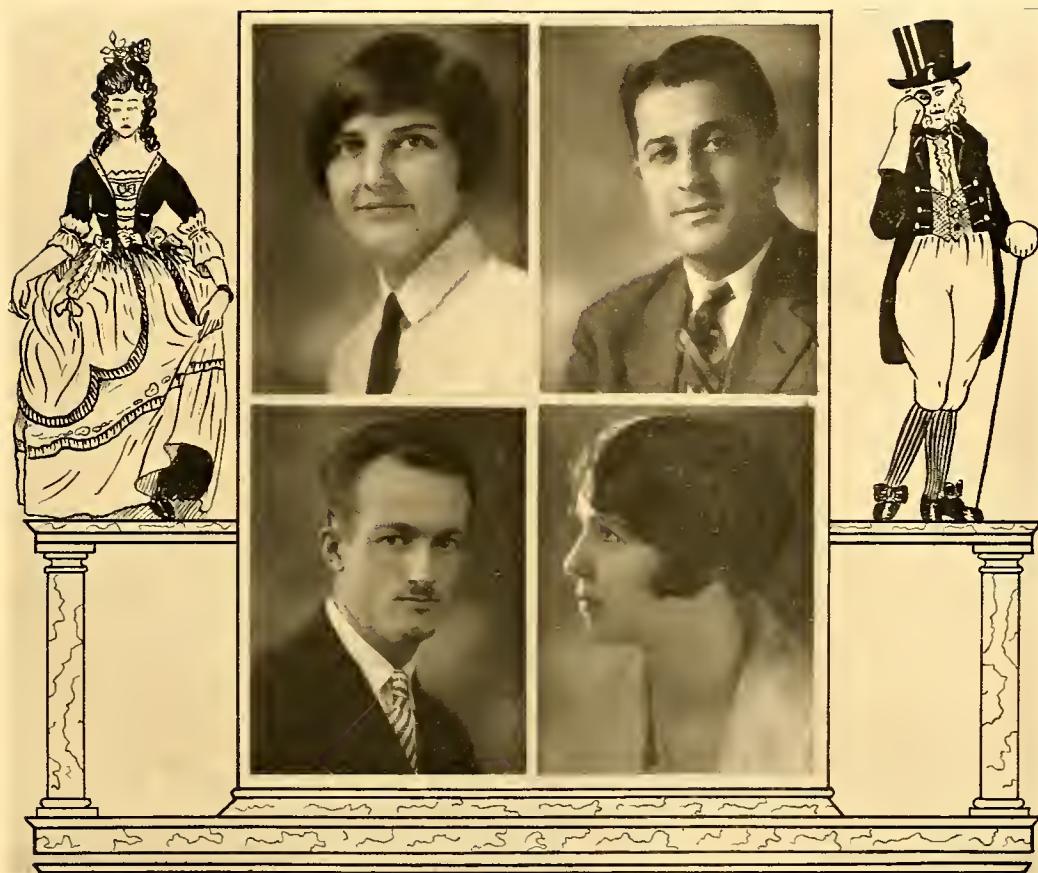
Major—Chemistry Minor—Biology  
 Attitude toward study—Above normal  
 Chief Characteristic—Spasmodic silliness  
 Hobby—A. M. & P. M. lunches to school  
 Character—Constructive  
 Expression—“Criminently!”  
 Nickname—“Kitty”  
 Noted for—Intelligence  
 Most frequently seen—Chemistry lab

**ELLIAN MOSER** Bluffton, Ohio

Major—English Minor—Economics  
 Attitude toward study—An occasional necessity  
 Chief characteristic—Sociability  
 Hobby—Oratory and reading  
 Character—Genuine  
 Expression—“Good night”  
 Nickname—“Topsy”  
 Noted for—Reading room mischief  
 Most frequently seen—In her Ford

**MERVIN SPRINGER** Danvers, Illinois

Major—Sociology Minor—History  
 Attitude toward study—Intense  
 Chief characteristic—Energetic  
 Hobby—Tracking “Wit” reporters  
 Character—HE'LL pass  
 Expression—“Don't expect more than that”  
 Nickname—“Nurmi”  
 Noted for—Arguing  
 Most frequently seen—At Stepletons



EVELYN NISWANDER Bluffton, Ohio

Major—English Minor—History  
Attitude toward study—Consistent  
Chief characteristic—Reliability  
Hobby—Reading  
Character—Altogether friendly  
Expression—“Well, I guess!”  
Nickname—“Bennie”  
Noted for—Her gym classes  
Most frequently seen—Most anywhere

JACOB KLASSEN

Marquette, Man., Canada

Major—Music	Minor—Ar
Attitude toward study—Faithful	
Chief characteristic—Jolliness	
Hobby—Pounding the "Ivories"	
Character—Friendly	
Expression—"Well!"	
Nickname—"Jake"	
Noted for—Musical ability	
Most frequently seen—Studying music	

Major—Music Minor—Economics  
Attitude toward study—Really enjoyable  
Chief characteristic—His plumpness  
Hobby—Serenading the women  
Character—A sticker  
Expression—“Well, I declare!”  
Nickname—“Mike”  
Noted for—Glee club  
Most frequently seen—Studying music

FLORA FRANZ Berne, Indiana

Major—Home Ec. Minor—Education  
Attitude toward study—Proper  
Chief characteristic—Domesticity  
Hobby—Preparing Foods  
Character—Well balanced  
Expression—“Aren’t I?”  
Nickname—“Florshie”  
Noted for—Numerous spectacles  
Most frequently seen—at Prof. Howe’s  
home.



**ELMER KANAGY** Volant, Pennsylvania  
 Major—Music      Minor—Education  
 Attitude toward study—Conscientious  
 Chief characteristic—Interest in Toledo  
 Hobby—Singing  
 Character—Quiet  
 Expression—“Mr. Lantz has requested  
 me—”  
 Nickname—“Caruso Jr.”  
 Noted for—His voice  
 Most frequently seen—Most anywhere

**RAYMOND SMUCKER** Orrville, Ohio  
 Major—Mathematics      Minor—French  
 Attitude toward study—Sympathetic  
 Chief characteristic—Conscientiousness  
 Hobby—Music  
 Character—Gibraltar  
 Expression—Favors none  
 Nickname—Smucker  
 Noted for—Salesmanship  
 Most frequently seen—At home

**IRVIN CONRAD**      **Sterling, Illinois**  
 Major—History      Minor—Economics  
 Attitude toward study—Consistent  
 Chief characteristic—Congeniality  
 Hobby—Athletics  
 Character—Magnanimous  
 Expression—“Aw quit kidding me!”  
 Nickname—“Irv”  
 Noted for—Football  
 Most frequently seen—Accompanied

**VERN CONRAD**      **Sterling, Illinois**  
 Major—Economics      Minor—Education  
 Attitude toward study—Normal  
 Chief characteristic—Optimism  
 Hobby—Track  
 Character—Good  
 Expression—“The heck”  
 Nickname—“Vern”  
 Noted for—Speed  
 Most frequently seen—With Anita



**LAVERNE BENSON** Findlay, Ohio  
 Major—Chemistry Minor—Biology  
 Attitude toward study—Come easy, go easy.  
 Chief characteristic—Never admits defeat  
 Hobby—Track  
 Character—Happy-go-lucky  
 Expression—“I gotta’ ‘B’ in Principles of Ed!”  
 Nickname—“Liver”  
 Noted for—Two mile running  
 Most frequently seen—Teasing

**AGNES SPRUNGER** Berne, Indiana  
 Major—Music Minor—History  
 Attitude toward study—Application when necessary  
 Chief characteristic—Cheerfulness  
 Hobby—Goig to movies  
 Character—Not “half” bad  
 Expression—“Yea?”  
 Nickname—“Aggie”  
 Noted for—Her voice  
 Most frequently seen—With “Irv”

**EMMA LOWENBERG** Donnellson, Iowa  
 Major—Latin Minor—French  
 Attitnde toward study—Painstaking  
 Chief Characteristic—Indifference  
 Hobby—Dieting  
 Character—Good  
 Expression—“Gosh, I don’t care!”  
 Nickname—Levinski”  
 Noted for—Inconspicuousness  
 Most frequently seen—Lounging in her room

**EMORY SEARS** Tiskilwa, Illinois  
 Major—Science Minor—History  
 Attitude toward study—Zealous  
 Chief characteristic—Shrewdness  
 Hobby—Botany  
 Character—Naive  
 Expression—“How’s the hog market?”  
 Nickname—“Sandy”  
 Noted for—Liberality  
 Most frequently seen—On basketball floor



**HOPE HUBER** Bluffton, Ohio  
 Major—English Minor—Education  
 Attitude toward study—Luke warm  
 Chief characteristic—Cheerfulness  
 Hobby—Law  
 Character—Obliging  
 Expression—“O for Heaven’s sake!”  
 Nickname—“Hopy”  
 Noted for—Cranking Fords  
 Most frequently seen—In Lima

**RUSSEL CLOSE** Akron, Ohio  
 Major—Science Minor—Education  
 Attitude toward study—Consistent  
 Chief characteristic—Friendliness  
 Hobby—Biology  
 Character—Fine  
 Expression—“Rats!”  
 Nickname—“Russ”  
 Noted for—Sportsmanship  
 Most frequently seen—Flivering

**GEORGE THIELMAN** Hepburn, Sask., Canada  
 Major—History Minor—Economics  
 Attitude toward study—Splendid  
 Chief characteristic—Interest in Pennsylvania  
 Hobby—Russian folk dancing  
 Character—Epicurean  
 Expression—“I’ll take you down”  
 Nickname—“Tony Malducca”  
 Noted for—Philosophy on women  
 Most frequently seen—In Lincoln

**LAVAHN POTEE** Bluffton, Ohio  
 Major—Music Minor—Education  
 Attitude toward study—Thoroughness  
 Chief characteristic—Petiteness  
 Hobby—Popping corn  
 Character—Lovable  
 Expression—“I’m empty to my toes”  
 Nickname—“Bon”  
 Noted for—Telephoning to Mardie  
 Most frequently seen—At anything musical

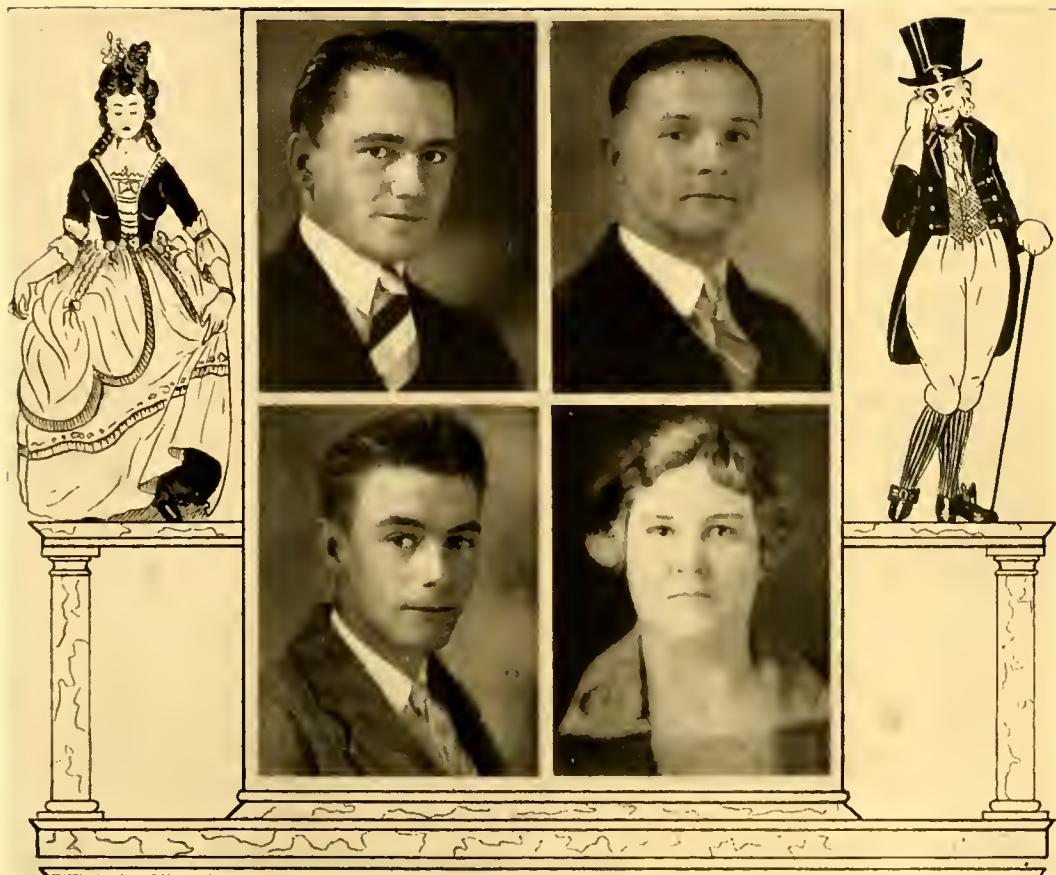


**LESTER YODER** Nappanee, Indiana  
 Major—Education Minor—Mathematics  
 Attitude toward study—Active  
 Chief characteristic—Perseverence  
 Hobby—Baseball  
 Character—Candid  
 Expression—“Home Run!”  
 Nickname—“Hez”  
 Noted for—Correspondence  
 Most frequently seen—In a classroom

**MARGARET KIMMEL** Bluffton, Ohio  
 Major—History Minor—Economics  
 Attitude toward study—Given first place  
 Chief characteristic—Genuineness  
 Hobby—Telling jokes  
 Character—Peppy  
 Expression—“Did you hear this?”  
 Nickname—“Marge”  
 Noted for—A’s and B’s  
 Most frequently seen—with Eva

**EVA DILLER** Bluffton, Ohio  
 Major—English Minor—French  
 Attitude toward study—Always at it  
 Chief characteristic—Dependability  
 Hobby—Reading  
 Character—Energetic  
 Expression—“Well!”  
 Nickname—“Bunch”  
 Noted for—Chewing gum  
 Most frequently seen—with Marge

**GLENN HILTY** Pandora, Ohio  
 Attitude toward study—As it should be  
 Chief characteristic—Socialability  
 Hobby—Entertaining the co-eds  
 Character—A good sport  
 Expression—“For Dad’s sake”  
 Nickname—“Hilty”  
 Noted for—His wavy hair  
 Most frequently seen—at work



**GEORGE PETERS**

Canada  
 Major—Economics      Minor—History  
 Attitude toward study—Nonchalant  
 Chief characteristic—Dignity  
 Hobby—Selling  
 Character—European  
 Expression—“R-r-r-ussia!”  
 Nickname—“Petersky”  
 Noted for—Statistics  
 Most frequently seen—On the street

Canada

**SETH MILLER**

Smithville, Ohio  
 Major—History      Minor—Music  
 Attitude toward study—Envious  
 Chief characteristic—Friendliness  
 Hobby—Glee club  
 Character—Unassuming  
 Expression—“Honest”  
 Nickname—“Miller”  
 Noted for—His voice  
 Most frequently seen—At his desk

**OLIVER STEINER** Columbus Grove, O.

Minor—Music  
 Attitude toward study—Serious  
 Chief characteristic—Industrious  
 Hobby—Glee club  
 Character—Trustworthy  
 Expression—“Anyone want to ride up town?”  
 Nickname—“Doc”  
 Noted for—Vocalizing  
 Most frequently seen—In a Ford

**FREDA CURTIS**

Ottawa, Ohio  
 Major—French      Minor—Science  
 Attitude toward study—Devoted  
 Chief characteristic—Social mindedness  
 Hobby—Fording to Ottawa  
 Character—Quietly secluded  
 Expression—“Analyzing further—”  
 Nickname—“The Mrs.”  
 Noted for—Combination of housewife  
 and student  
 Most frequently seen—Table 1 in Read-  
 ing room

## SENIOR SNEAK DAY

According to tradition set forth by previous graduating classes the Class of '28 through a desire to outdo those who had gone before, gathered their wits together in an attempt to baffle the minds of the underclass men to such an extent that they would grow tired of their false pretensions.

Finally, after great worry their leading genii contrived an idea for a successful ending to their college curricula, in the form of a Sneak Day. It was altogether fitting and proper that they should "sneak". So, following the Findlay basketball game it was thought that the minds of the student body would be preoccupied with the victory that they could notice nothing else. It was the night before the day that comes only one year in four that they hurried into their glad vestments and collected at the house of Kimmel and Bracy Company.

The President of the class went to Lima to direct their bus driver. When he returned he was surprised to find an assemblage of the hosts of underclassmen with deep and thunderous mutterings telling of a coming storm. Queer movements on the part of several anxious sneakers caught and irritated the eyes of a few vigilant Juniors. In their turn the Juniors detained a few of the seniors by means of the "blocking-off" process well known to chemistry students. However, the law was on their side and all could not go awry for their plans had, indeed, been well-laid.

With great presence of intellect the bus driver was ordered to continue without halt. Meanwhile the group was secretly growing behind the dark walls of night. The hosts ebeted those blocked-off and in due time all was in readiness. With sentinels all about, the bus returned and every senior was safely corralled within.

There was little thought of sleep as they rode into Sandusky on the wings of the dawn. Cleveland was their final destination. Here they stole a few hours from Father Time which they squandered in sleep. At eleven o'clock the entire group visited the Federal Reserve Building after which dinner was served. The Misses Amstutz and Lowenberg, etc., had several thrilling escapes from the wheels of recklessly driven machines.

The class held together for a sight-seeing tour through and about the city. Shaker's Heights is the name that appealed to me as being the most interesting place visited. After the party broke up into as many parts as desirable, Kanagy took a group of the fellows to a house of entertainment where each one received his seventy-five cents worth. The others went to see the Student Prince. There was still another group who went to see the Rosenbluhm aggregation play a Brooklyn team in a eage-ball game.

On the whole, it was a very educational trip as well as entertaining. The most amusing thing about the entire trip was that some of the students were actually studying on the way back to Bluffton. The return trip was uneventful except for the rising of the new moon and a moderation of temperature.

Upon arriving at Bluffton a few ordered coffee and ice-cream but most of them struck for their beds which, by the way, were left just as they had left them. After hours of sleep and retirement their dream of a successful sneak vacation was history to be found in the annuals of the college by succeeding generations.

JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS

Forest Musser  
President

Charles Burkhart  
Vice President

Margaret Ruhl  
Secretary



**FOREST MUSSER** Smithville, Ohio  
Attitude toward study—"It's all in a life time"  
Chief characteristic—Constant activity  
Hobby—Art  
Character—Friendly  
Expression—"That's a sweeping statement"  
Nickname—"Jim"  
Noted for—His drawings  
Most frequently seen—Reading letters

**MARGARET RUHL** Bluffton, Ohio  
Attitude toward study—Spasmodic  
Chief characteristic—Originality  
Hobby—Clothes and arguing  
Character—Persistent  
Expression—"Yeah!"  
Nickname—"Peg"  
Noted for—Pep  
Most frequently seen—Everywhere



**EUNICE CONRAD** Sterling, Illinois  
Attitude toward study—Conscientious  
Chief characteristic—Sincerity  
Hobby—Y. W. C. A.  
Character—Dependable  
Expression—"Oh my!"  
Nickname—"Sandy"  
Noted for—Mathematical major  
Most frequently seen—Committee meeting

**JOHN RAMSEYER** Normal, Illinois  
Attitude toward study—"Try anything once"  
Chief characteristic—His grin  
Hobby—Writing  
Character—Dependable, executive  
Expression—"You've never been in Ill."  
Nickname—"Ye Ed"  
Noted for—A "gift of gab"  
Most frequently seen—In conference

**ORPHA TROYER** Walnut Creek, Ohio  
Attitude toward study—Studious  
Chief characteristic—A will of her own  
Hobby—Oratory  
Character—Modest  
Expression—“Shoot!”  
Nickname—“Paula”  
Noted for—Debating  
Most frequently seen—In her room

**MERL GERBER** Dalton, Ohio  
Attitude toward study—Earnest  
Chief characteristic—Philosophical  
Hobby—Baseball  
Character—Unyielding  
Expression—“Heck”  
Nickname—“Goliath”  
Noted for—Forensics  
Most frequently seen—With a book



**DALLAS BERRY** Bluffton, Ohio  
Attitude toward study—Fair  
Chief characteristic—Reluctance  
Hobby—Mail  
Character—Variable  
Expression—“Goin’ to town?”  
Nickname—“Jack”  
Noted for—Cross country  
Most frequently seen—Pat’s

**IRENE RAMSEYER** Smithville, Ohio  
Attitude toward study—Plugging  
Chief characteristic—Frankness  
Hobby—Music  
Character—Amusingly different  
Expression—“The Dumb Sock”  
Nickname—“Spud”  
Noted for—Being contrary  
Most frequently seen—With Morty

**DIETRICH REMPLE** Reedley, Calif.

Attitude toward study—Courageous  
Chief characteristic—Frankness  
Hobby—Football and drawing  
Character—Individualistic  
Expression—“By Jove”  
Nickname—“Dick”  
Noted for—Art  
Most frequently seen—At Ropp Hall

**CLEO STEINIGER** Pandora, Ohio

Attitude toward study—Conscientious  
Chief characteristic—Silence  
Hobby—Studying French  
Character—Decent  
Expression—“Oh Gee!”  
Nickname—“Steiniger”  
Noted for—Friendship with Walke  
Most frequently seen—Studying



**ELDON STAHL** Danvers, Illinois

Attitude toward study—Genius  
Chief characteristic—Level headedness  
Hobby—Exounding his theories  
Character—Sincere and consistent  
Expression—“Oh you don’t say so!”  
Nickname—“Stahly”  
Noted for—Length of his arms.  
Most frequently seen—Loafing

**RUTH GRUBB** Los Angeles, California

Attitude toward study—Desirable  
Chief characteristic—Arguing  
Hobby—Painting  
Character—Unassuming  
Expression—“My Goodness”  
Nickname—“Grubby”  
Noted for—Her native state, California!  
Most frequently seen—Strolling

**ROLAND SWANK** Bluffton, Ohio  
Attitude toward study—Average  
Chief characteristic—Sincerity  
Hobby—Imitating Perron  
Character—Witty  
Expression—“By Golly”  
Nickname—“Swanky”  
Noted for—Football  
Most frequently seen—Pat’s checker parlor

**CLEORA YOAKUM** Pandora, Ohio  
Attitude toward study—Spasmodic interest  
Chief characteristic—Dreaming ability  
Hobby—Art and artists  
Character—Conscientious  
Expression—“I’d rather take a spanking”  
Nickname—“Cle”  
Noted for—Posters  
Most frequently seen—In Ropp Hall Lobby

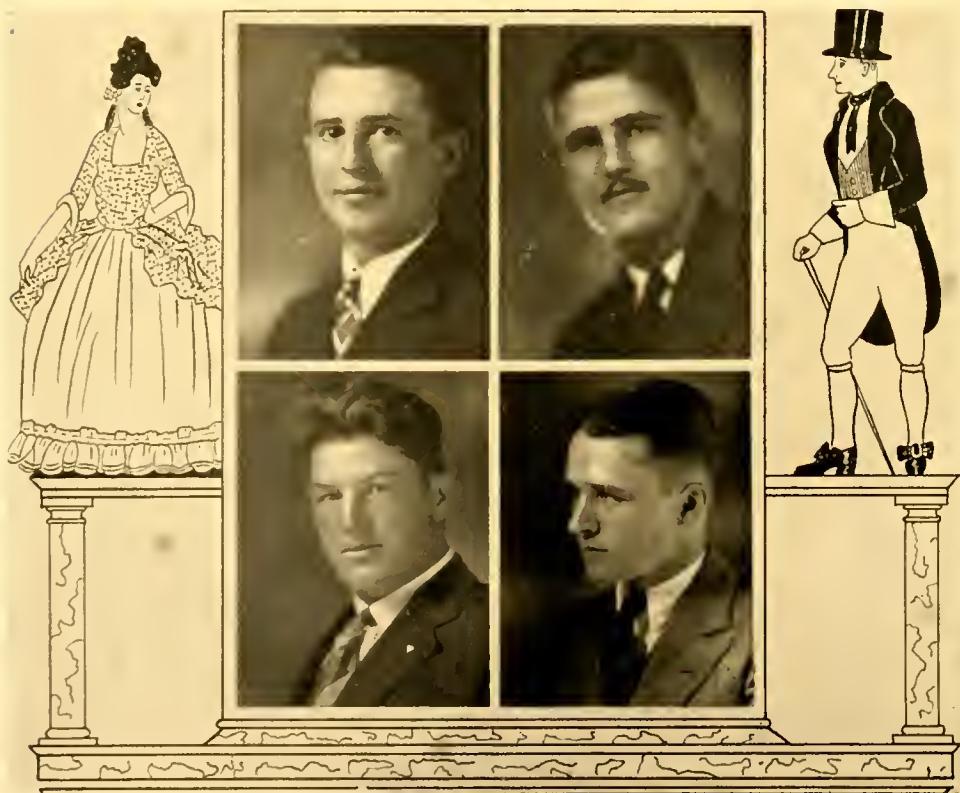


**HAZEL FETT** Bluffton, Ohio  
Attitude toward study—Semi-studious  
Chief characteristic—Cheerfulness  
Hobby—Bob  
Character—Good natured  
Expression—“Good Heavens”  
Nickname—“Tillie”  
Noted for—Baby talk  
Most frequently seen—At B. C.

**WARREN DURKEE** Beaverdam, Ohio  
Attitude toward study—Inquisitive  
Chief characteristic—Loquacious  
Hobby—Basketball  
Character—Happy-go-lucky  
Expression—“By golly”  
Nickname—“Durk”  
Noted for—Beaverdam  
Most frequently seen—Gym

**PAUL SMUCKER** Goshen, Indiana  
Attitude toward study—Diligent  
Chief characteristic—Assiduity  
Hobby—Glee club  
Character—Honest  
Expression—“Oh Hel-en!”  
Nickname—“Smucker”  
Noted for—His Ford  
Most frequently seen—Home, Sweet Home

**ARDEN MOYER** Souderton, Penn.  
Attitude toward study—Nonchalant  
Chief characteristic—Affability  
Hobby—Women  
Character—Sterling  
Expression—“Dumb sock!”  
Nickname—“Ard”  
Noted for—Basketball  
Most frequently seen—Here and there



**LESLIE GEIGER** Bluffton, Ohio  
Attitude toward study—Studious, “yes”  
Chief characteristic—Great in weight and mind  
Hobby—Teasing Kitty  
Character—Jovial  
Expression—“For Heaven’s sake”  
Nickname—“Les”  
Noted for—Knowledge of science  
Most frequently seen—Chemistry Lab.

**HERMAN BADERTSCHER** Bluffton, O.  
Attitude toward study—Practical  
Chief characteristic—Shortness  
Hobby—Tickets  
Character—Light hearted  
Expression—“Here comes the car”  
Nickname—“Beezie”  
Noted for—Warbling  
Most frequently seen—“Western Ohio”

**BEULAH MOSER** Bluffton, Ohio  
Attitude toward study—Energetic  
Chief characteristic—Eccentricity  
Hobby—Kidding  
Character—Capricious  
Expressin—“You dirty bum!”  
Nickname—“Runt”  
Noted for—A’s  
Place most frequently seen—Reading room

**RALPH HILTY** Pandora, Ohio  
Attitude toward study—Unknown  
Chief characteristic—Being bored  
Hobby—His violin  
Character—Unassuming  
Expression—“Oh, don’t!”  
Nickname—“Hilty”  
Noted for—Looking poetic  
Most frequently seen—Practicing



**CHARLES BURKHART** Pandora, Ohio  
Attitude toward study—Abnormal  
Chief characteristic—Generosity  
Hobby—Chemistry  
Character—Excellent  
Expression—“My Goodness”  
Nickname—Charlie  
Noted for—Industriousness  
Most frequently seen—studying

**WILHELMINA BIXEL** Bluffton, Ohio  
Attitude toward study—The right kind  
Chief characteristic—Music  
Hobby—Collecting “odd” pins  
Character—Innocent  
Expression—“Forest said!”  
Nickname—“Willo”  
Noted for—Musical ability  
Most frequently seen—Being escorted to places.

**FRANCIS DANNER** Bluffton, Ohio  
Attitude toward study—Variable  
Chief characteristic—Procrastination  
Hobby—Chemistry lab  
Character—Who knows?  
Expression—“No foolin’”  
Nickname—“Coonie”  
Noted for—Tardiness  
Most frequently seen—Lab.

**MABEL GEIGER** Bluffton, Ohio  
Attitude toward study—Intensive  
Chief characteristic—Unselfishness  
Hobby—Swimming  
Character—Serious  
Expression—“Wal-ton!”  
Nickname—“Bub”  
Noted for—Athletic ability  
Most frequently seen—With Landes



**ZOA MANGES** Bluffton, Ohio  
Attitude toward study—Diligent  
Chief characteristic—Cleverness  
Hobby—Talking  
Character—Frank  
Expression—“Well-say!”  
Nickname—“Zoey”  
Noted for—Arguing  
Most frequently seen—Everywhere

**FOREST MILLER** Sugar Creek, Ohio  
Attitude towards study—Masterful  
Chief characteristic—Dignified  
Hobby—Co-education  
Character—Energetic  
Expression—“Holy Smoke”  
Nickname—“Mose”  
Noted for—Harmonizing  
Most frequently seen—Main street

**MABEL STUDER** Apple Creek, Ohio  
Attitude toward study—Diligent  
Chief characteristic—Reserve  
Hobby—Tearing down the men  
Character—Systematically helpful  
Expression—“Har! Har!”  
Nickname—“Stu”  
Noted for—Her 5 feet, 11 inches  
Most frequently seen—With Christine

**WALTON LANDES** Souderton, Penn.  
Attitude toward study—Normal  
Chief characteristic—Aggressive  
Hobby—Cheer-leading  
Character—Reasonable  
Expression—“Now, see here!”  
Nickname—“Walt”  
Noted for—Flippancy  
Most frequently seen—Cherry street



**CLAYTON SMUCKER** Smithville, Ohio  
Attitude toward study—Necessary evil  
Chief characteristic—Activeness  
Hobby—Talk  
Character—Normal curve  
Expression—“Any chance for me?”  
Nickname—“Blink”  
Noted for—Sickness  
Most frequently seen—Lantern

**DOROTHY SPRUNGER** Tenafly, New Jersey  
Attitude toward study—It's a secret  
Chief characteristic—Constant motion  
Hobby—To be different  
Character—Vivacious  
Expression—“Don't be sappy”  
Nickname—“Dot”  
Noted for—Snappy clothes  
Most frequently seen—In the Nash

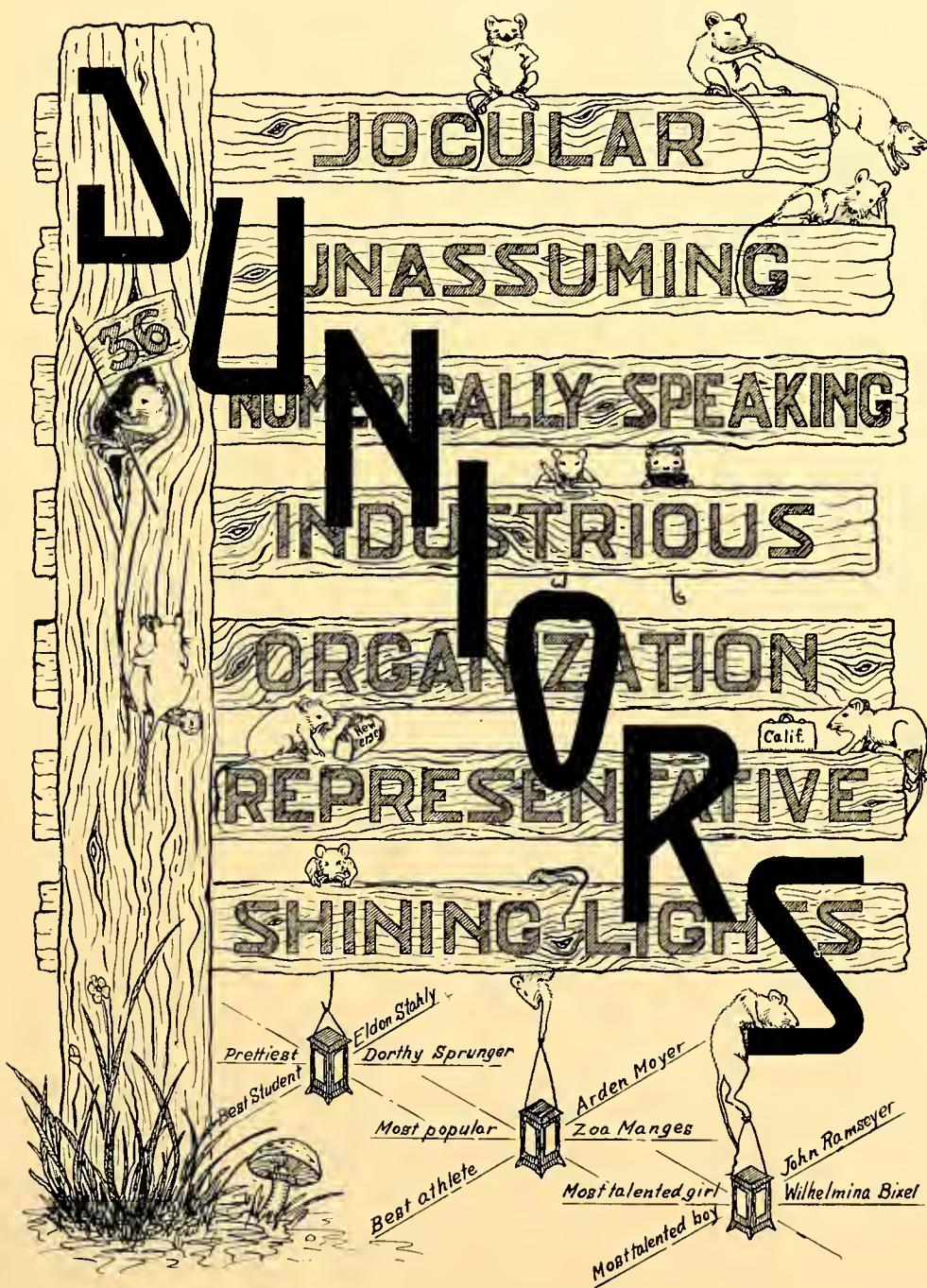
**BYRON STRATTON** Bluffton, Ohio  
Attitude toward study—Friendly enemy  
Chief characteristic—Gemietlichkeit  
Hobby—Chemistry  
Character—Persevering  
Expression—“Rubber”  
Nickname—“Barney”  
Noted for—Rubbering  
Most frequently seen—Lab

**CHRISTINE DAY** Bluffton, Ohio  
Attitude toward study—Studious  
Chief characteristic—Dignity  
Hobby—Warbling  
Character—Reserved  
Expression—“Gee”  
Nickname—“Seedy”  
Noted for—Her voice  
Most frequently seen—In Stew's room



**HELEN IUTZI** Bluffton, Ohio  
Attitude toward study—Much energy applied  
Chief characteristic—Dignity  
Hobby—Hard ware  
Character—Sincere  
Expression—“Aw g'wan”  
Nickname—“Tutzi”  
Noted for—Business ability  
Most frequently seen—Sociology classes

**RALPH NAFFZIGER** Deer Creek, Ill.  
Attitude toward study—Applied  
Chief characteristic—Shyness  
Hobby—The Ista  
Character—Admirable  
Expression “Say”  
Nickname—“Naffziger”  
Noted for—His ability to apply himself  
Most frequently seen—In conference.



**SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS**

**Walton Alderfer**  
President

**Margaret E. Beidler**  
Secretary-Treasurer



## SOPHOMORE HISTORY

During the middle of last September seventy students, from nearby, the East, the mid-West and the far West, came together in Bluffton; broad smiles and grins, emphatic greetings and hearty hand-shakes were the rule as the members of the Sophomore class met once again after what a looker-on might have mistaken for a ten-year absense. This overflow of joy, however, was excusable, for this was the same group that only a year before left the native heath to experience the newness of college life; to meet a host of strange faces, to live amid the clatter and humdrum of dormitory life, and to be rudely dumped out upon the bare, cold floor in the middle of an autumn night. It was the group that this year felt perfectly at home on returning to Bluffton, that swatted the unfortunate Frosh most mercilessly in their initiation performance, and the team of which struggled with might and main to pull the yearlings' tug-of-war team through the slimy waters of the Riley.

The joys of the Sophomore are manifold; for instance, he or she may, and does, have dates from the beginning of school, while the less fortunate Freshman must wait several weeks; again, any member of the first year class is under obligation to go on errands for anyone above him, so that the Soph feels the pleasure of being boss instead of being bossed. But there is probably also some feeling of satisfaction in doing more advanced curricular work rather than merely the required work of the first year. Also, an examination of the roll of the class shows a big interest in outside activities. The following list shows the number of Sophomores belonging to the various organizations as well as dependable men in athletics; Girl's Glee Club, 6; Men's Glee Club, 9; debating, 4; Press Club, 9; football, 5; basketball, 3; baseball, 5; track, 4; tennis, 2.

The class party took the form of a theatre party at the Faurot opera house in Lima, the play there being "The French Doll". This was followed by a midnight visit to the Iron Lantern. This year's tug-of-war, as stated before, came out with the Sophs on the long end, literally speaking. The husky bucks who did the pulling were determined not to walk the bed of the Riley, as last years crew did, and as a consequence the Frosh team was showly but surely pulled to its doom. Unfortunately, the water was only knee-deep. The Frosh, however were given the opportunity to redeem themselves in the inter-class basketball game and did so, beating out the Sophs in the exciting final game.



#### SOPHOMORE CLASS ROLL

Henry Walton Alderfer, Donald Amstutz, Margaret Jeanette Amstutz, Maurine W. Amstutz, Edwin Badertscher, Martha Badertscher, Paul Theodore Badertscher, Fred P. Baumgartner, Sarah Elizabeth Baumgartner, Glenna N. Beeshy, John Willis Beidler, Margaret Elizabeth Beidler, Florence Beidler, Dorothy S. Benroth, Elmon Bigler, Sarah Madeline Bogart, Elmer Amos Burkholder, Donovan H. Close, Laura R. Conrad, Roy E. Cramer, Theodore W. Cunningham, Doris L. Diller, Lela B. Diller, Oliver D. Diller, Samuel S. Diller, Milltn V. Gerber, Kenneth Carl Gierhart, Paul H. Gottshall, Nellie Faye Gray, Elmer Hostetler, Vesta Hostetler, Evelyn Dorothea Kohler, Walter Henry Krehbiel, Mabel Weber Lantz, Merl E. Lehman, Elnore E. Locher, Ola M. Lugibihl, Virgil George Moser, Ella B. Mosiman, Morris Musser, Robert L. Naffziger, Lois June Nonnamaker, Eva Anna Obenour, Ruth Ellen Ports, Francis Moyer Rickert, Lowell E. Risser, Edgar Sell Rosenberger, Laura Barnes Rosenberger, Anna L. Ruth, Arthur P. Schumacher, Don C. Schwartz, Paul W. Stauffer, Lillian E. Steiner, Wilbur Robert Steiner, Treva L. Stepleton, Tina Warkentin, Stanley Weldy, Roy E. Wenger, Abram G. Wiens, Verna Mary Williams, Vida Lucille Williams, William Williams, Elizabeth Williamson.

**FRESHMEN CLASS OFFICERS**

**Roy Mohr**  
President

**Anita Roth**  
Secretary

**Adrian Amstutz**  
Treasurer



## CLASS OF '31

Christopher Collegiate, after much coaxing and displaying of merits, induced Mother Isabella to see Father Ferdinand about finding a shorter more successful route to Good Fortune by way of more education. Father Ferdinand financed the expedition under the conditions that he, Christopher Collegiate, be faithful and make them proud by proving to the world that perseverance wins. In return, Christopher will receive "ten dollars for every day" of his journey and the title A. B. attached to his name.

There were many who made fun of Christopher and called him names such as "Greeny," "Upstart," "Know-nothing" and "Fresh-one." Some told him he was too dumb to make or even start the trip. Others tried to frighten him with tales about great Faculty Monsters who ruled the seas and made it hard for many to "pass."

However, on September 10, 1927 Christopher Collegiate set sail from Port Home amid tears and parting words of advice for that far distant and unknown land of educational resources.

After some days of sailing Christopher cited a number of "red objects" which he later learned were buildings of Bluffton College. Into one of these he unloaded his cargo and prepared himself to winter over the following months.

Christopher was discouraged oftentimes for he thought of the lovely meals which Mother Isabella was preparing at home and how kind Father Ferdinand acted in contrast with the elders of this new place. These inhabitants especially the tribe called Sophomores inflicted such punishment upon Christopher that he doubted whether he had made a safe move. Perhaps he should have taken warning from those people before he sailed.

Really, they tortured him in many ways—carrying weights, robbing his sleep, cutting the beard from his face and branding with green. Although Chris. bravely bore these unjust punishments, one day in November he died.

It seems that the hearts of his tormentors softened somewhat for they fashioned a crude casket and held a burial ceremony for him. A few were even seen to shed tears. The body borne by fellow-sympathizers of Christopher was at length lowered by ropes into a deeply dug grave. Only a mound, under the wide-spreading trees of College Campus, tells the evidence of Christopher's mistreatment.

Perhaps you feel that my tale is ended? No, Christopher had two lives. His second lives on in the Class of '31. All of his tormentors feel sorry for the way they treated him and it is best they do, for he has learned the ways of the New World and altho the tuition was high, experience was a good teacher.

In December, Christopher Collegiate sailed back and related to Mother Isabella all his experiences and explained to Father Ferdinand the distribution of his money. Judging that the first voyage was profitable, Mother and Father determined to finance expeditions until Christopher gained a strong footing in the New Colony.



#### FRESHMAN CLASS ROLL

Beulah Albrecht, Helen M. Albrecht, Alvordan L. Althaus, Adrian H. Amstutz, Earl Franklin Augspurger, Martha M. Augsburger, Ivan L. Badertscher, Stanley Evan Basinger, Mary Elizabeth Baumgartner, Neva Bigler, Harold Edison Bixel, Noah Blosser, Ralph Yoder Blosser, Alma Elizabeth Boone, Carl H. Brunk, Verena Bucher, Virgil William Burkholder, Kenneth Deppler, Charles J. DeWitt, Lamont Diller, Weldon E. Diller, Abram Jacob Dyck, Howard J. Eigsti, Elizabeth Irene Falk, Kathryn Mary Fenton, Oliver Kenneth Fretz, Ivan J. eGiger, Wilfred Orlin Geiger, Grace Gingery, Viola Guth, Elizabeth Habegger, Louise V. Heighway, Mervin Hilty, Minerva Kathryn Hilty, Vera Hixon, Ruth Amelia Martha Holl, Helen Hauenstein Hower, Willard Ray Kaufman, John Keller, Margaret Lucille Kohli, Anne E. Krehbiel, Kathryn Lucile Kropf, Zelta Lantz, Dorothy Ruth Lehman, Donald Marv'n Line, Clair Andrew Leiber, Olive Grace Locher, Oliver Glenn Locher, Donald F. Marshall, Roy William Mohr, Ivan Moser, Martha Moser, Cleora Eula Motter, Mildred Evangeline Nash, Beatrice June Obenour, Dorothy Quiring, Mary Frances Rodabaugh, Anita May Roth, Horace W. Scheetz, Edgar L. Schumacher, Harold Shearer, Beatrice Ellen Slusser, Orden C. Smucker, George R. Stultz, Jacob Peter Thielman, David Willard Thomas, LaVerne D. Thutt, Warren Weiss, Lila Marie Wiebe, Orren E. Zimmerman, Pearl Marietta Zuercher.

## ORGANIZATIONS

### Student Government

Student Senate  
Student Tribunal

### Honorary

Pi Delta

### Incidental

Science Club

### Musical

Choral Society  
Vesper Choir  
Men's Glee Club  
Girl's Glee Club  
Orchestra  
Band

### Literary

Oratorical Association  
Inter-Society Council  
Athenian Literary Society  
Alethian Literary Society  
Adelphian Literary Society  
Philomathean Literary Society

### Religious

Y. M. C. A.  
Y. W. C. A.

### Publications

The Witmarsum  
The Ista

### Events

Home-Coming  
May Day  
Commencement

### Plays

The Enemy  
Pied Piper

# ACTIVITIES





#### PI-DELTA SOCIETY

It was during the year 1921-22 that the faculty, following a suggestion by Dean Byers, recommended that there be an organization of Honor Students effected. The students then in college who were previously listed on the Roll of Bluffton Scholars, with S. F. Pannabecker from the faculty, were taken as the basis of the organization. Temporary officers were elected, a constitution was drawn up, adopted, and passed by the faculty. It was on the basis of this constitution that the twenty-eight charter members were elected.

The object of the Pi Delta Society is to recognize and promote good scholarship. Membership is open to students of Bluffton College who show exceptionally good scholarship. The members are elected by vote of the faculty at the close of the Junior year or later. Three semesters of their work must be completed in Bluffton College and a minimum of fifteen hours of work giving collegiate credit must be carried. Only fifteen per cent. of their grades may be C, while none may be below that mark, and for at least one year there must have been no grades below B. Any student taking Departmental Honors is also eligible for membership. With this as a standard fifty members have been added to the original group.

Ever since the society has been organized there has been the desire expressed by members that the requirements for the admittance be raised. Accordingly, last fall the faculty voted to require a minimum of twenty-five per cent. A's. Candidates for Departmental Honors will be included only if they meet the requirements for membership, being exempt only from the twenty-five per cent. A's.

It is hoped that when the revision goes into effect next fall that the object of the society will be still further fulfilled.



### STUDENT SENATE

President	- - - - -	Glenn Hiltz
Secretary and Treasurer	- - - - -	Zoa Manges
Roy Cramer	- Martha Gerber	- Ralph Naffziger

We are now living in an age when trained leaders are in demand. To choose these leaders is a problem, but their training is as important. Practice makes perfect. Student government is an excellent institution in which a young person may obtain this practical training. It not only trains the mind of the youth to see and attempt to solve the student problems, but also gives a training which is valuable in later life.

Interested, but not concerned so much with the solution of these problems, the Senate has for its purpose rather the aim to act as a legislative and executive body and in so doing to enact such flexible laws, regulations, and to entertain such a universally applicable constitution, that problems of student relations, conduct, etc., will be minimized in number. By so acting the trouble of solving the problems of college life will be averted to a certain extent.

The Senate is composed of representatives of the three upper classes. Each class has one or more representatives who are chosen according to their ability to understand the needs of the school, and still have the interest of their representative group at heart. By thus uniting the faculty and student body through a legislative student group, more responsibility will be felt, and a tendency toward a higher goal in quality of work done is inevitable.



#### STUDENT TRIBUNAL

President	-	-	-	-	-	-	Russell	Close
Secretary-treasurer	-	-	-	-	-	-	Lavahn	Potee

Mervin Springer, Margaret Kimmel, Forrest Musser, Walter Krehbiel, Mabel Geiger, Leslie Geiger, Mabel Studer, Treva Stepleton, Roy Mohr, Martha Moser, Prof. Smith.

The system of Student Government would be incomplete without a Judicial Department to enforce certain regulations set forth by the Student Senate. This organization is called the Student Tribunal. It is in immediate subordination to the Senate and is a recognized authority in our system of student government.

This body has the sole power to enforce and interpret all college rules and regulations and to make such laws which are deemed necessary and which do not transgress on the powers of the Student Senate.

It is not the aim of this organization to be one of repression or coercion but of helpfulness for the students. It carries out its policies for the good of the entire student body according to the demands of justice. It proceeds as a court to investigate misdemeanor, passes a verdict of innocence or guilt upon the offender and determines the nature of the punishment.

The Tribunal is a cooperative body between the faculty and the students. Its success lies not in the number of decisions and punishments rendered but in the cooperation with the student body.

Its aim is to maintain high standards of conduct and to foster those traditions and ideals which our Alma Mater sanctions.



### SCIENCE CLUB

Several years ago a science club was organized on our campus. Due to an overorganization of various other activities this organization ceased to function or exist. During the past school year an effort was made to renew interest in such an organization.

A meeting was called by the heads of the science departments at which the club was organized and plans made for holding meetings once a month. Very little has been accomplished in this respect as yet but a constitution has been drawn up and plans are being made to continue the monthly meetings next year.

The purpose of the organization is to increase scientific knowledge and promote research along scientific lines. Four sciences are represented at present in this organization namely, Biological sciences, Chemistry, Physics and Home Economics.

Special outside speakers on some particular scientific subjects along with discussions by the students on current science problems will constitute the programs of the year. By holding the meetings only once per month there will be less danger of conflicting meetings of other organizations while at the same time sufficient interest can be maintained.

The membership consists of students and faculty members of the college who are particularly interested in science. Every science major and minor should make a special effort to boost this club.

## THE Y. M. C. A.

The Y. M. C. A. has a three-fold purpose, namely to develop young men spiritually, intellectually and physically. This organization is world wide in scope. The college is only one of its many fields of endeavor. The spiritual welfare is the primary concern of the college "Y" since the intellectual is provided for in the curriculum and the physical is taken care of in our intramural and inter-collegiate athletic competition.

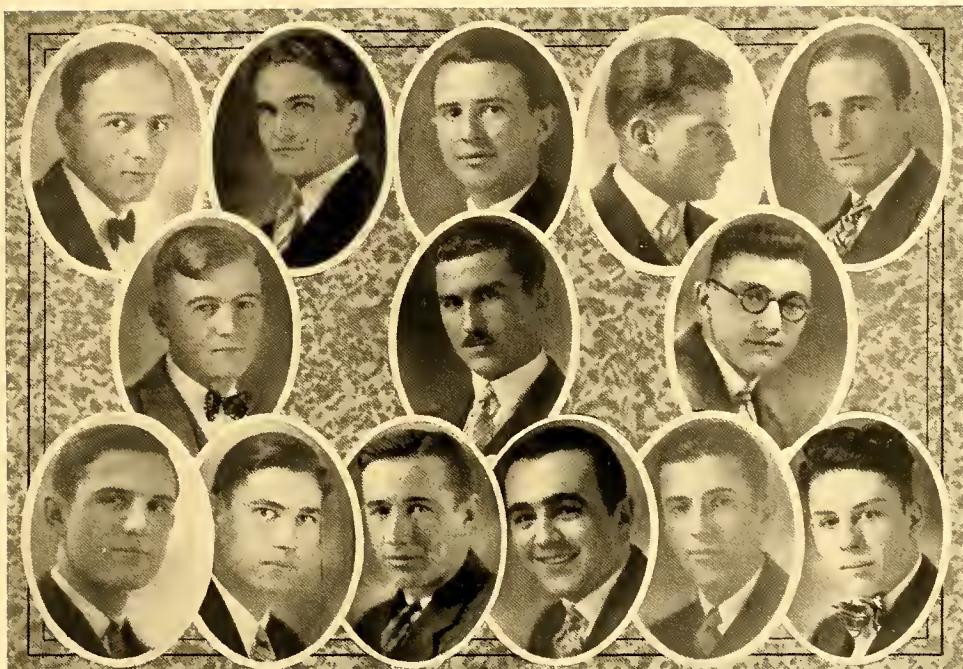
The work of the "Y" is necessarily dominated by a spirit of service. This spirit is manifested by the work of the "Y" on our campus in carrying out the "Y" program. During the summer two very definite things are accomplished. First, a handbook, containing valuable information for all new students, is printed and sent to all new students before the opening of school in the fall, and second a group of fellows attend the Lake Geneva Conference which does more to develop the spiritual life of an individual than any other single conference now known and accessible to us.

When new students come to Bluffton for the first time, the "Y" aims to meet them at the station either at Bluffton or Lima. The fall activities are largely social. The annual Student and Faculty Reception in the gymnasium is a real get-together and social mixer. Then to get the fellows acquainted, just a little better, the famous "Y" Stag is held during the year along with other social events such as the May Day Luncheon when the Y. M. cooperates with the Y. W.

The "Y" is a very material help to the fellows and the community in their social service work, which consists in securing work for the fellows to earn part of their expenses.

The religious development is taken care of in the weekly "Y" meetings where vital topics are discussed, either by students, or outside speakers. In addition to the weekly meetings the "Y" encourages discussion groups, where such problems as amusements, social relations between men and women, and other campus problems are discussed. A world outlook is maintained partly through the work of the World Fellowship Committee. Ample opportunity is given for expression of the many valuable impressions received at the various meetings and associations with one another in the Deputation work carried on. For special meetings, such as Armistice Day and Thanksgiving the Y. M. and Y. W. cooperate.

The most valuable results of the work of the Y are intangible. Nothing is more encouraging to one interested in the spiritual welfare of our youth than to see a group of young men mutually solving their problems and actually having fellowship one with another. The spirit of unselfish service was given impetus on our Campus when Dr. Bruce Curry of Union Theological Seminary taught the student body some of the teachings of Jesus. His influence created a spiritual awakening in some of the students. It is the sincere desire of the Y that the best that is within our youth should blossom forth and have a challenging and noble influence.



#### Y. M. C. A. CABINET

President	-	-	-	-	Milton Badertscher
Vice President	-	-	-	-	Forrest Musser
Secretary	-	-	-	-	John Ramseyer
Treasurer	-	-	-	-	Jacob Warkentin
Program Chairman	-	-	-	-	Russel Close
Social Chairman	-	-	-	-	Glen Hiltz
Social Service	-	-	Ralph Naffziger, Lowell Risser		
Bible Study	-	-	-	-	Carl Stucky
Publicity	-	-	-	-	Paul Badertscher
Hi-Y	-	-	-	-	Emery Sears
Staff Representative	-	-	-	-	Walton Alderfer
World Fellowship	-	-	-	-	Charles Burkhart
Deputation	-	-	-	-	Paul Smucker
Faculty Advisors	-	-	Prof. Howe, Prof. Berky		

## Y. W. C. A.

Generalizing a bit, how may we summarize the program of the Y. W. C. A. for the year? What has it meant to the new student, to the person who is already adapted to college life as an upper classman? Will a connection with the Y. W. mean anything to the graduate in years to come?

Let it be understood that the association does not function spontaneously without preparation for its program of service. The routine it follows is planned methodically. Last summer Bluffton was represented at the Geneva Conference, and the delegates, enthusiastic in the application of suggestions offered there, were the investigators of numerous plans that finally materialized this winter.

The arrangement of the Bruce Curry Conference can be attributed largely to the efforts of various cabinet representatives who had previously appreciated discussions led by this man, whose aim it is to help college students rediscover the Jesus way of life. As a result of this week-end study, active discussion groups on toleration, peace, amusements, honor system and the relationship between men and women were organized.

Moreover, interest for the extension of a course in hygenic principles was fostered through the Y. W. If the second semester's classes prove worth-while, attempt to make it a listed course for required work shall be undertaken.

Such projects as these could be accomplished only through some sense of understanding and cooperation among the pledged members. Cannot due credit be granted to the sister movement among girl students for this helpful spirit? The custom of having each girl pay special attention to one assigned newcomer makes for surprising friendships and mutuality of interests.

How is our work wholly self-centered. Our work permeates through the campus to the local high school; one of the cabinet members denotes her time to the Girl Reserves, an auxiliary of the Y. W. proper.

Deputation teams, jointly representing the Y. M. and Y. W., visit neighboring churches and take charge of an evening session on different occasions.

Extending farther yet, for one week the association took part in a program for prayer; as did all the representative student world.

And with the same universay brotherhood in mind, at Christmas time, a fund through the sale of the traditional candle, was raised for the Student Friendship Endowment.

We may conclude that these demonstrations in the past can demonstrate what can be done in the future. Factories, offices, public schools, colleges, all depend a great deal on the educated young women of America. The Y. W. has come, in the emergency, as the embodied wisdom and sympathy of thousands of women to advise wisely, to strengthen physically, to protect morally, to encourage spiritually those about them. To maintain and extend activities of this institution is the highest kind of patriotism and the noblest type of philanthropy.



#### Y. W. C. A. CABINET

President	-	-	-	-	-	-	Evelyn Niswander
Vice President	-	-	-	-	-	-	Orpha Troyer
Secretary	-	-	-	-	-	-	Maurine Amstutz
Treasurer	-	-	-	-	-	-	Agnes Sprunger
Program Chairman	-	-	-	-	-	-	Eunice Conrad
Social Chairman	-	-	-	-	-	-	Mary E. Amstutz
Social Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	Elnore Locher
Music Chairman	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ola Luginbuhl
Publicity	-	-	-	-	-	-	Kathleen Lugibihl
World Fellowship	-	-	-	-	-	-	Irene Ramseyer
Staff Representative	-	-	-	-	-	-	Zoa Manges
Under Graduate Representative	-	-	-	-	-	-	Martha Gerber
Girls Reserve Representative	-	-	-	-	-	-	Flora Franz

### ALMA MATER

Hail to thee, dear Bluffton College  
Temple made by God's own hand,  
Pillars tall of Nature's forest  
Guardian to thy beauty stand.

**Chorus:**  
Bluffton College, how we love thee,  
Ever true to thee we'll be;  
Loyalty and deep devotion  
Joyously we offer thee.

Flow'rs of rarest hue adorn thee,  
Wildwood birds thy praises sing,  
While with theirs our voices blending  
Make the Heav'ns with music ring.

Noble thot's and high ideals,  
Friendships dear we owe to thee,  
Clearer visions thou dest give us,  
And thy truth shall make us free.

Like a beacon on the hill top,  
Clearer still thy light shall shine;  
God's protecting care be o'er the,  
Thousands worship at thy shrine.



**MUSIC**

## THE CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC

In addition to the regular Liberal Arts department, Bluffton has a very strong music Conservatory which is gaining an enviable reputation among other music schools of Ohio. However, that is not the only place where it has made itself known. In later years they have ranked among the best of the State. It will be interesting to note that this department has grown, and because of that fact could no longer take care of its demands in the residence which it once occupied on South Main street. The new studios which now occupy Lincoln and Science Halls have been outgrown and now present conditions demand a new Music Hall which has been planned.

One does not have to enroll in the Conservatory to receive all the advantages that it has to offer. There are several campus organizations conducted under the auspices of the Music School that afford valuable musical training to students not planning to Major in Music; these are the Two Glee Clubs, the Orchestra, the Choral Society and the Vesper Choir. Many of the students who enroll in the College of Liberal Arts take advantage of the privileges offered.

The aim of the Conservatory is two-fold. The first, to create and maintain in this community an appreciation for good music through the direct contact with its peoples. The second, to send out into other communities men and women who appreciate good musical talent and who will be instrumental in developing that quality to such an extent that it will be an impelling force in that community. All of the organizations which have been mentioned above have had their share of influence in the community about us and in the communities which they have visited. Music graduates have very successfully carried out the second aim of their school. This is evidenced by the good reports received from them and by the growth of the Music Conservatory itself. able overseer of all musical activities. Much of the spirit which has been responsible for the success of this department is due to his untiring efforts, and to his tactful means of procedure.

## THE COLLEGE CHORAL SOCIETY

As one of the musical organizations of the College, the Choral Society plays one of the leading roles. There is probably no other organization which deserves as much credit for the work it has done in bringing good, classical music to the college and the entire community of Bluffton. This is the twenty-eighth year of its existence.

The high standard of music which is held in this community is largely due to this society. Each year it finances the College Music and High School Lecture Course. This has been a source of pleasure to many. This year it provided some especially fine numbers for this course.

On Sunday, December the eighteenth, the chorus of one hundred and fifty voices rendered the Messiah to two large and appreciative audiences in the College Gymnasium. This was the eighteenth annual presentation of the Messiah; each year it is received with great enthusiasm by the college and the surrounding community.

The chorus was under the able direction of Professor Otto Holtkamp; he presented a very well trained and well balanced chorus.

The soprano solo parts were sung by Miss Nanna Johnson, a member of the Dayton Westminster Choir. The contralto parts were taken by Miss Stella Schumacher, of Bluffton. Russel A. Lantz, voice instructor, appeared as tenor soloist. John Lynch of Lima appeared as baritone soloist.

Mrs. H. P Mann at the Piano, and the Bluffton College Orchestra under the direction of Professor Sidney Hauenstein accompanied the soloists and chorus.

On Sunday, April the first, the Choral Society gave a very pleasing rendition of Rosinni's Stabat Mater. This was presented both afternoon and evening in the large auditorium of the First Mennonite Church. Both times the church was filled to its capacity, and in the evening large numbers were turned away. This shows to us how much good classical music is appreciated when people are given an opportunity to hear it.

The Choral Society was very fortunate in being able to secure a quartet of soloists from the Dayton Westminster Choir to sing the solo parts in the Stabat Mater. The bass solo parts were sung by Professor G. A. Lehman, former director of the Choral society. The soprano parts were taken by Lorean Hodapp; the contralto parts by Ora Gabbard and the tenor parts by Fred Welty, a former student of Bluffton College.

The soloists and chorus were accompanied by Mrs. H. P. Mann, at the piano; Miss Wilhelmina Bixel at the organ; and the Bluffton College Orchestra under the direction of Professor Sidney Hauenstein. The entire presentation was under the direction of Professor Otto Holtkamp.

## THE VESPER CHOIR

Perhaps no musical organization on the Bluffton Campus has fulfilled its purpose quite as well as has the Vesper Choir. In the words of Mr. Williamson, director of the famous Westminster Choir, the chief aim of any choir is to create an atmosphere of worship. Vesper audiences can testify that at least one choir has reached that lofty aspiration. Hence it may be said that without the Choir few Vesper services would have been a success.

The Choir in itself was an attraction for a music loving audience. From the time of its entrance up until its departure, a spirit of worship pervaded the entire chapel. Stately, black-robed figures who sang as they marched to their choir loft reminded one of choirs in old Cathedrals. The chanting of Latin hymns would add to this impression. And at the close there came the hushed beauty of voices slowly dying in the distance. It left a message in the hearts of listeners, more eloquent than spoken words.

Rev. S. M. Davidian, pastor of the Central Church of Christ in Lima, Ohio, and one of the vesper speakers here, expressed his appreciation of the work of the Choir by inviting it to give a program in his church. On February, twelfth, the program was presented to a home audience and on the nineteenth it was given at the Lima church. It consisted of Latin and English hymns with solo numbers by the accompanist, Professor Holteamp. The finesse in the presentation was unusual for an amateur performance, and the Choir should be congratulated upon it.

Three factors contributed to the success of this organization. It was composed of the cream of Bluffton College singers, it has as its accompanist the dean of the School of Music, and it found in Miss Krehbiel an able directress. Untiring work and energy were necessary to produce good music. Much time and effort were spent in preparation for each Vesper service. Much of the credit goes to the active interest and musical ability of Miss Krehbiel, who has had the Choir under her direction for the past three years. With a record like that of the past year, Bluffton College may well be proud of its Vesper Choir.



### **VESPER CHOIR**

Miss Ruth Krehbiel, Directress; Prof. Otto Holtkamp, Accompanist

#### **Sopranos**

Vesta Hostetler, Elizabeth Habeggar, Anne Krehbiel,  
Evelyn Niswander, Miss Elizabeth Boehr

#### **Tenors**

Mr. Lantz, Elmer Kanagy, Myron Gerber,  
Carey Steiner

#### **Altos**

Lela Diller, Irene Ramseyer, Agnes Sprunger,  
Helen Lutzi

#### **Bases**

Walton Alderfer, Truman Bixel, Roy Wenger,  
Raymond Smucker, Forrest Miller

## MENS GLEE CLUB 1927-28

Under the capable direction of Russel A. Lantz the Mens Glee Club completed a most successful year. The men have shown a fine spirit throughout and a willingness for hard work. The untiring efforts of the director together with the cooperation of the club members has produced for this club a record that deserves commendation.

Twenty-five men were chosen last fall from thirty-five applicants. Myron Gerber, who piloted the club through the 1926 season was again elected president. Much enthusiasm was shown and the men gave their hearty support to Prof. Lantz as he launched into the season's work. Quite a number of men studied voice which added much to the efficiency of the club. The program contained gems of glee club music, which took many hours of hard work to master.

The big event of the year was the three weeks eastern tour, through Ohio, Pennsylvania, Northern Maryland and West Virginia. The club chartered a large motor bus for the trip, leaving Bluffton on December 20th, and returning January 10th, covering a distance of two thousands miles and giving thirty concerts.

The club was very much appreciated in the communities which they appeared and the audiences were generous in their praise and financial support.

The experiences on this trip were rich and varied. The club visited Atlantic City and its board walk, spent two days in Philadelphia, viewed the battle grounds of Valley Forge and Gettysburg, broadcasted from Akron and Philadelphia, and saw many interesting and beautiful scenes along the Juanita river and Cumberland trail.

Upon their return the club was enthusiastically received by a large audience at their home concert.

On February 24th the club participated in the zone contest, a part of the Ohio State Glee Club Association elimination contest, and placed second.

During the year the club gave concerts at Pandora, Jenera, Topeka, Silverstreet and Goshen.

The club has been ranked by competent critics with the best clubs Bluffton College has ever produced. Press reports and individual opinions of those who sponsored the concerts during the year were enthusiastic and glowing. Due to consistent fundamental voice work during rehearsals and on the tour, the intonation, diction shading, attacks, releases and tone quality of the club were excellent.

The season of 1927-1928 is past but the club can always look back on such a year with nothing but intense satisfaction.



### MENS GLEE CLUB

Russel A. Lantz  
Director

Myron Gerber  
Fred Baumgartner  
Kenneth Wright  
Ivan Geiger

Kenneth Wright  
Accompanist

Walton Alderfer  
Manager

President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Librarian

#### Tenors

Elmer Kanagy, '28, Pennsylvania  
Paul Smucker, '29, Indiana  
Oliver Diller, '30, Ohio  
George Thielman, '28, Canada  
Roy Mohr, 31, Illinois

Myron Gerber, '28, Ohio  
Seth Miller, '28, Ohio  
Paul Badertscher, '30, Ohio  
Oliver Steiner, '28, Ohio  
Noah Blosser, '31, Ohio

#### Basses

Jacob Klassen, '28, Canada  
Walton Alderfer, '30, Ohio  
Jacob Thielman, '30, Canada  
Stanley Weldy, '30, Indiana  
Fred Baumgartner, '29, Ohio  
Herman Badertscher, '29, Ohio  
Ralph Hilty, '29, Ohio

Dick Remple, '29, California  
Roy Wenger, '30, Ohio  
Raymond Smucker, '28, Ohio  
Forest Miller, '29, Ohio  
Morris Musser, '30, Ohio  
Ralph Naffziger, '29, Ohio  
Ivan Geiger, '31, Ohio

#### Violinist

Ralph Hilty, '29, Ohio

## GIRLS GLEE CLUB

Our Glee Club practices are nearing an end as the school year hurries to its close, and as we look back over it, what has been the history of our club in 1927-28; not the stereotyped history, but the real story of our club since September 7.

Six Freshmen were welcomed to our midst; four new upper classmen and twelve old members completed the chorus. Wilhelmina Bixel again became our accompanist. Martha Gerber was chosen for our president and Eunice Conrad for our "financier."

Our year began by preparations for an operetta, a drama purposing to take those of its audience, who were not still there, back again to the realm of childhood and fanciful romance. The Pied Piper! Who has not at some time fallen in love with that enigmatic hero? Our Pied Piper had a gay, pied suit, a long green cape, a cocky hat with a drooping feather and a queer long pipe. Didn't he fill the expectations?

Until December the fourth we worked on our drama, hunting up discarded patterns for small sized knickers and searching for grandfathers' slippers, old shawls, toys for the toy vender, flowers for our pretty little flower girl and a crutch for our poor little lame boy.

Forest Musser painted an interesting background (was that scenery, really only a painted paper wall?) which gave an atmosphere of Hamlin Town. The curtain rolled up. We danced, we sang, we spoke fervent speeches, we went for our lost Hansels and Gretels, and for our lonely little cripple. The curtain rolled down over Hamlin Town. Some came back the second night and we were very glad.

Christmas was a few weeks off. "What a Christmas without a party and carols, a tree with candles and heaps of good cheer?" we said.

The boys kindly lent us Lincoln Hall lobby. With a cheerful fire, a winking Christmas tree and a popcorn popper, we passed the evening.

Our preparations for a spring trip and participation in none other than the Ohio Girls' Glee Club contest were renewed after the holidays. After several months of effort, we decked ourselves out in shining rainment, chartered a bus, and after giving a home concert, started out on our Spring trip.

Oxford was our goal for Friday, the sixteenth of March, was the contest night for the Ohio Girls' Glee Club, and this was Friday. Barring the fact that all the altos but the Conrad sisters took sick before the ride was over, we arrived in Oxford much as we left Bluffton, gay and determined.

"Where is this place called Bluffton," we were asked, and cordially welcomed. We ignored our pie, good lemon pie, at the church supper, put on our shining rainment, figuratively set our teeth grimly behind our smiling faces and at eight-thirty walked on the stage. We sang our best. Our directress, who doesn't pervaricate in such matters, told us so. What if we didn't get first? Cincinnati University, who won first, couldn't have done more than that.

We gave a radio program at Cincinnati the next day that came all the way to Bluffton and then we traveled to Kenton where we were royally received by friends of Bluffton College.

At this section of our travels we met the climax of our trip, Westminster School at Dayton invited us to visit them and asked us to sing.

Our itinerary ended with the New Knoxville program. That night we traveled home singing all the way.

For our last Spring concert we are planning a sacred group, including several selections from the old Latin school of sacred music. We are preparing to give this concert in Lima and Pandora, as well as at home.

The Girls' Glee Club considers their year a musical success somewhat above the ordinary. Due to the fine artistic ability and the unspared efforts of our directress, Miss Krehbiel, who carefully trained and inspired the club, we have had a chorus which was able to hold its own with some of the leading universities of the State.



### GIRLS GLEE CLUB

Miss Ruth Krehbiel  
Director

Miss Wilhelmina Bixel  
Accompanist

#### Officers of the Club

Martha Gerber	- - - - -	President
Eunice Conrad	- - - - -	Secretary-treasurer

#### Sopranos

Alma Boone, '31, Ohio	Vesta Hostettler, '30, Ohio
Elizabeth Habegger, '31, Indiana	Evelyn Niswander, '28, Ohio
Eulalia Steiner, '29, Ohio	Lavahn Potee, '28, Ohio
Anne Krehbiel, '31, Iowa	

#### Mezzo Soprano

Elizabeth Falk, '31, Ohio	Agnes Sprunger, '28, Indiana
Mary Elizabeth Amstutz, '28, Ohio	Martha Gerber, '28, Ohio
Cleora Yoakam, '29, Ohio	Maurine Amstutz, '30, Ohio
Ellen Ports, '30, Ohio	Irene Ramseyer, '29, Ohio

#### Altos

Eunice Conrad, '29, Illinois	Eva Diller, '28, Ohio
Laura Conrad, '30, Illinois	Dorothy Quiring, '31, Ohio
Lela Diller, '30, Ohio	Ola Luginbihl, '30, Ohio

#### THE COLLEGE BAND

The college has been working hard to organize a band that will work throughout the year in connection with the athletic association in creating a greater spirit at the games. This year such an organization was started by a few enthusiastic students who were instrumental in securing enough members to make Home Coming Day a success.

We sincerely wish that this organization will grow and become much stronger than it has been in the past. The future promises to this organization the privilege of leading Bluffton to victory in the various forms of rivalry with other colleges.

The college is greatly indebted to the music department for the spirit they have shown this year and for this organization which will mean so much to a greater Bluffton. Three Cheers for the Band.

#### THE COLLEGE ORCHESTRA

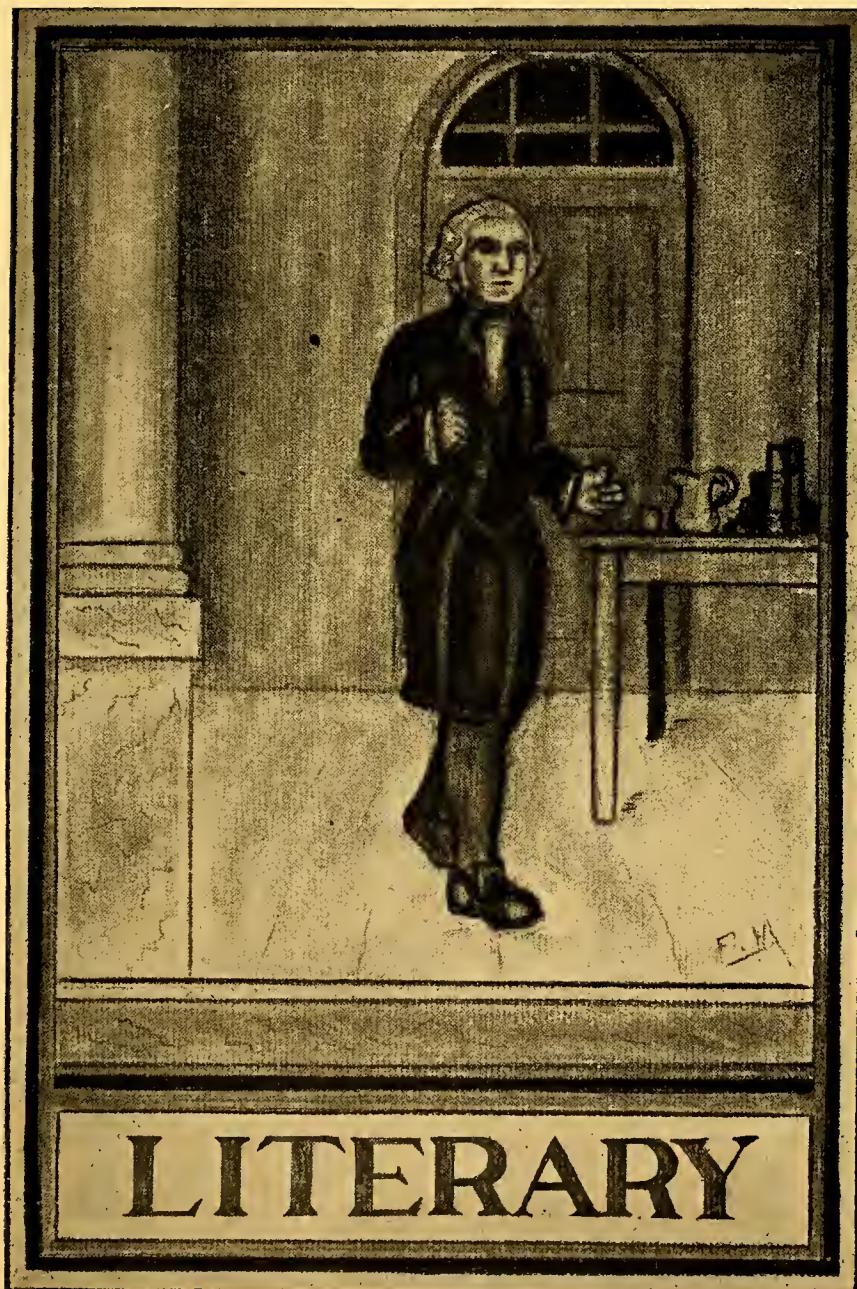
With a splendid nucleus of musicians from last year together with new members of this year the college orchestra has lived up to all expectations and has proved to the College and the community the value of organization.

The orchestra most ably assisted in the presentation of the "Messiah" and the "Stabat Mater". Only those who have in some measure been connected with the organization know of the untiring efforts, patience and the time required for the building up of a finished orchestra.

The college and community can feel proud of Professor Hauenstein who has labored unceasingly in its behalf. The fine training which is given in the grades and high schools makes this organization one which is of great influence in the community.

## LITERARIES

To mold in vibrant beauty each outspoken word;  
To make the bashfulness of would-be speakers seem absurd;  
In stricken orators the silver tongues to loose  
And let forgetting their orations not excuse  
The failure to complete a job they ought to tackle;  
To cause the wit of every humorist to crackle  
In all the essays that he undertakes;  
To make good story writers out of fakes;  
To teach the mysteries of good debating;  
(To hand two blows, while only one you're taking;)  
To show that singing any recreation  
Is harmful to a forceful declamation;  
To check impromptu speakers in their blowing  
As well as keep their ignorance from showing;  
In other words, to waft the wands of fairies  
Is just the work of College Literaries!



## ORATORICAL ASSOCIATION

The Oratorical Association is an organization which stimulates all Literary activity on the campus. It has grown from a small body of about six members to one of about two dozen. An increasing interest has been shown in the last few years in this line of work. This is evidenced by the fact that so many came out for the Inter-collegiate oratory contest this year. Other noticeable evidences are the strong debating teams which Coach Howe has been able to turn out in the last few years, and the increased interest in Literary work in general.

This organization's growth brings with it a larger enrollment in the Oratory department. Students have realized that the need to be able to express ones self effectively is becoming greater. Therefore, the classes in public speaking, oratory, debating and other forms of speech training have become larger.

A few years ago most any-one who went out for the Inter-collegiate Oration found an opportunity at some time in his college career to represent the college in oration. Today, it is not so because others have taken advantage of this privilege and real competition is the result. The same thing is true of the debating teams. Men must come out early in the first semester and work on through the year with earnest zeal to compete in the later part of the second semester for a position on the debate team.

The Association has sent out two successful debate teams this year. Some new material was found to be very helpful in building up the strength of teams. Although the roll was not increased as much as last year, the group has done well to get these men into their organization. Another definite work which the association does every year is through the delegates which they send out to the inter-collegiate contest. Three orators, two men and one girl, have shown themselves very capable in the contests in which they have had a part.

Both Professors Howe and Smucker have worked hard to bring this organization to its present standing, and much of the credit for the merits of this society should go to them. With the material which these coaches have for the next year, even greater things are expected of the teams that will be sent out.



#### ORATORICAL ASSOCIATION ROLL

**Jacob Warkentin**  
President

**Zoa Manges**  
Secretary

#### Other Members

Orpha Troyer  
Mervin Springer  
Seth Miller  
Mary E. Amstutz  
Paul Smucker  
Dorothy Quiring

Elnore Locher  
Milton Badertscher  
Forrest Musser  
LeRoy Walke  
Emery Sears  
Paul Stauffer

Clayton Smucker  
John Ramseyer  
Henry Thielman  
Merl Gerber  
Carl Landes

## ORATORY GRADUATES



### JACOB WARKENTIN Mt. Lake, Minn.

Jacob Warkentin has completed a two year course in the school of Oratory. For some time he has taken private lessons from Prof. Smucker in voice training and in oration. Jacob has been on the debate teams for four years, and has been very valuable to his team. This year he has served as captain of his team and has handled this position very capably. In addition to this Jacob has taken a great interest in oratory work. For two years he has taken part in the local Inter-collegiate contests and this year won the inter-society contest. He has been taking practice teaching at the High School in this kind of work and seems to enjoy it very much. We are sorry to loose such a valuable man as "Jake" because the debate team always depended on him to pick out the "inconsistencies" in the opposing arguments.

### MRS. SARA SINK Columbus Grove, Ohio

Mrs. Mary Sink has finished her work under the direction of Prof. Smucker and is giving a recital for her graduation on the fourth of June. Mrs. Sink comes from Columbus Grove and we do not hear of her very much because she has other duties of which we have had no experience. However, she knows what school life is, since she has not only gone thru the experience herself but she has had the privilege of directing many others through this same experience. One who is willing to spend part of her time each week, amid all the other duties that she has, surely deserves the credit that shall be given her as a graduate of the oratory department.





#### LOCAL CONTEST WINNERS

In the local Peace Oratorical contest, first place was awarded to the oration, "Sacrifice, Pagan and Christian", delivered by Carl Landes. Second honors went to Paul Stauffer with his oration, "Peace Through Education". George Thielman with his oration, "Russia, and World Peace", won third place.

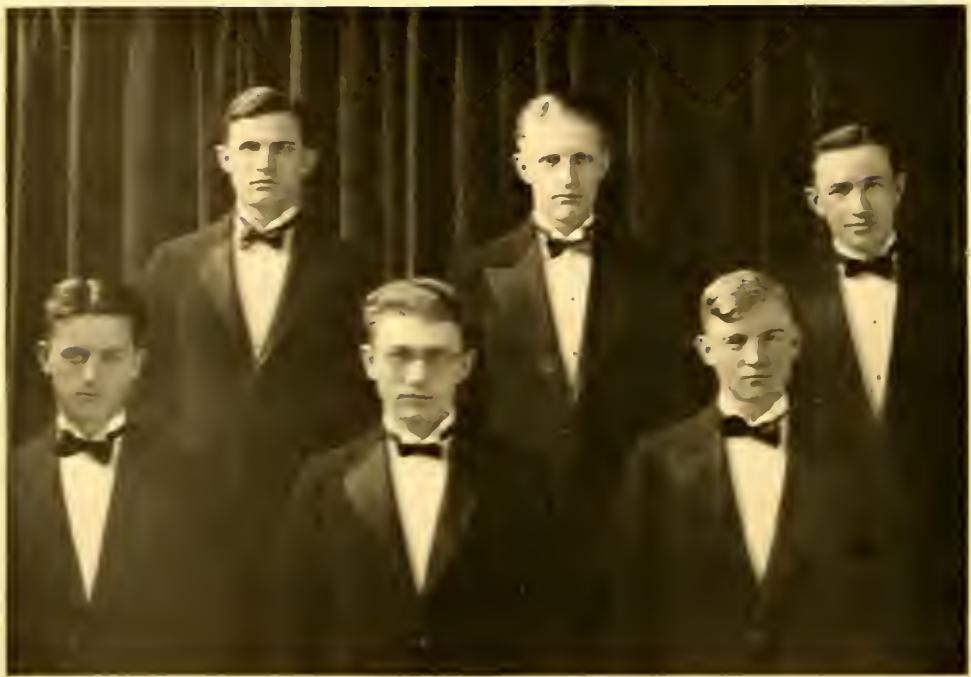
In the Constitution contest held at the same time, first place was given to Forrest Musser who was also winner of last years contest. His oration was, "The Constitution". John Keller, a freshman, took second place, with the oration, "The Constitution". Third place was won by Milton Badertscher.

The awards given for first place were fifteen dollars in gold, and for second place ten dollars in gold. These were gifts of Mr. Franklin R. Mason of last years graduating class.

The Inter-collegiate contest for this section of the state was held at Ohio Northern University. Six colleges took part in this contest. Due to sickness Mr. Landes could not participate so Mr. Stauffer took his place and placed fifth. We feel quite confident that if it had not been for this mishap that our ranking would have been higher. Nevertheless we have two experienced men for next year's contest.

The sectional contest held at Otterbein for the Constitution orations was very closely contested. Mr. Musser did very well to place among the best orators from Case and Reserve and other schools of this calibre.

Girls oratory is something new on our campus. Last year one oration was given by Orpha Troyer. Dorothy Quiring represents the school in girls oratory this year. The title of her oration is, "The American Negro Comes of Age."



#### AFFIRMATIVE TEAM

If one wants to know the strength of the Bluffton debating teams for 1927-28, the answer can be found in a recent statement made by Coach Howe. He frankly remarked that in the past term he had the strongest squad the college has ever produced.

Our affirmative team ably defended the convention system of nomination in the debate on the question: "Resolved that the convention system of nomination should be substituted for the direct primary system, constitutionality conceded." Only two debates were held in the Ohio Conference during the past term.

On March 9th, Ohio Northern sent its negative team to meet our affirmative on the home floor. Though our men clearly showed a more thorough knowledge of the question, the judge, Roy Swink from Wapakoneta gave the decision to the Northern speakers because of their superior skill in oratory.

Not daunted by defeat, the Bluffton team journeyed to Otterbein on the following Saturday night, March 10th. Here they showed remarkable proficiency in handling the question, but again lost according to the decision of the adjudicator, West of Dennison who gave the negative slightly more credit for their argument.

The members of the team debating in these two contests were Jacob Warkentin, Merl Gerber, and Forrest Musser. The reserve squad consisted of John Ramseyer, Clayton Smucker and Paul Badertscher.

Mr. Warkentin, a senior, completed his four years of collegiate debating in a splendid manner. His graduation will leave a vacancy which cannot easily be filled. The arguments presented and the tactful rebuttals won favor from everyone.

Merl Gerber, a junior, came to Bluffton from Wooster College last fall. It is difficult to find a man as calm but yet as forceful in debating as is Mr. Gerber. His clear thinking and business-like presentation of facts gained the approval of the adjudicator and the audience.

Forrest Musser, a junior experienced his second year of intercollegiate debating for Bluffton. Mr. Musser had been proclaimed one of the best debaters in the conference and did not fail in holding his own in the past years debates.

With Gerber and Musser back next year and Ramseyer and Smucker with experience on the 1926-27 team, together with Badertscher, a promising Sophomore, Bluffton will be prepared to meet the heavy schedule outlined for the coming year.



#### NEGATIVE DEBATING TEAM

The result of intensive concentration of thought, extensive reading careful organization of conclusive evidence and facts, preliminary debates and rapid fire forensic skill was exhibited by our negative team composed of Milton Badertscher, Elmer Hostettler and Leroy Walke. The question this year was, Resolved: That the Convention system of nomination be substituted for the Direct Primary constitutionality conceded. A victory over the Mt. Union affirmative on the local floor and a close decision against them at the hands of the strong Heidelberg affirmative team at Tiffin, Ohio was the record for the season.

Milton Badertscher, the first speaker, a senior of two years experience in inter-collegiate debating again equalled the task. He with the rest of the team members exhibited the power of extemporaneous debating as a result of inclusive knowledge of the question at hand. He will be remembered as upholding the Primary system as an improvement over the old Convention system which he condemned on the basis of the inherent corruption.

Elmer Hostettler as second speaker easily overcame all possible handicaps of lack of previous experience in forensic contests when he in a very clear cut manner proved himself a master of the situation with an abundance of clashing evidence at hand. His power of refutation was always accredited him by the judges as well as the audiences. His emphatic argument that the Direct Primary system has not lowered party responsibility and is no more expensive, were exceedingly effective with his pleasing delivery.

Leroy Walke, another senior who has exhibited his forensic abilities for Bluffton in former years, was always effective with his extemporaneous rebuttals. His keen reasoning power and analytical mind were assets which he has always possessed.

The alternate team composed of Paul Stauffer, Lowell Risser, and Carl Landis proved an ability for forensic talent in the preliminary debates. Being unable to schedule any debates the team was not given the opportunity of officially representing the College in intercollegiate debating. We have a great deal of confidence in this team for the future.

## INTER-SOCIETY COUNCIL

The four literary societies of the school necessarily need a body of students to regulate problems which concern all of them. This duty is entrusted to the Inter-society Council, which consists of the president and one other member from each society, together with the faculty advisors. This group is privileged and is duty bound to discuss the problems that arise until satisfactory decisions are reached.

The first problem which confronted the Council at the outset of the year was the method by which the societies should induce new students to join. It was decided that each new student was given the privilege of attending both societies and all types of meetings before the challenge was presented to him. After this the students were given the privilege of joining any society voluntarily. This they were to do within a days time. From that time on those who had not already joined were solicited for membership. This gave each new student the privilege of making an unbiased decision and hindered the grand rush which usually exists.

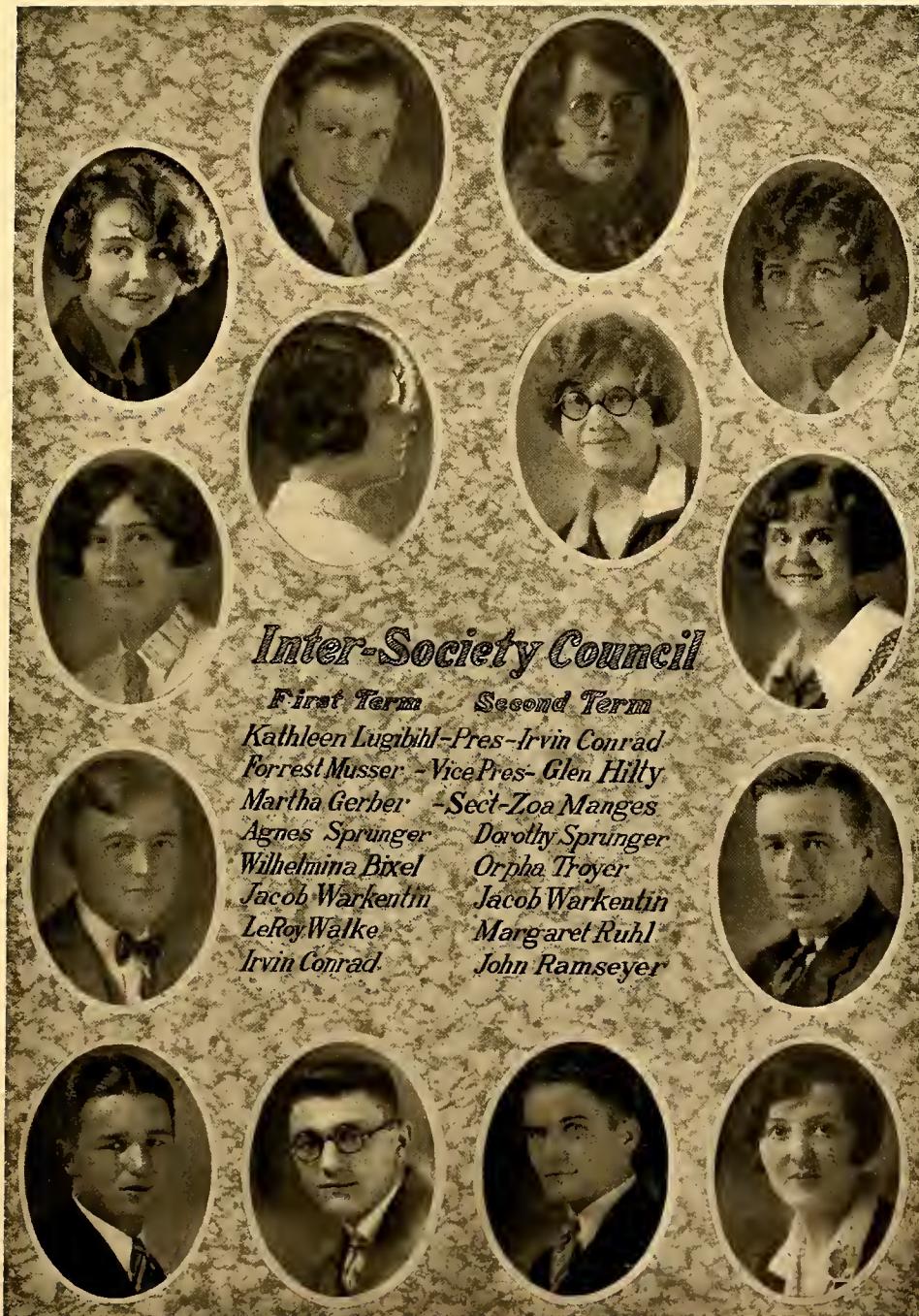
A great part of the literary enthusiasm is created by contests. These must be carefully planned by the Council. Problems arise, such as, time of contest, selection of the judge, the presiding officer, the numbers to be presented, the qualifications of the participants plus numerous others of the same nature.

The first contest held in January, consisted of the following numbers: Extemporaneous Speech, Critical Essay and the Oration. It was decided that one judge from out of town be secured. Professor Carmicheal from Bowling Green was chosen and he acted as judge throughout the series of contests. The second contest held in March consisted of a Short Story, Informal Essay Interpretation of a Poem, and an Original Dialogue. The third and last contest was held the second week in May and consisted of a Debate and a Serious Reading.

Participants in these contests have to conform to certain rules which are formulated by the Council. Only those who have attended two-thirds of the regular meetings and have paid their dues can participate.

Formerly each member was given a certain number of points, such as five, ten and twenty points in order of importance. This year the council decided that each number should count ten points except for the debate which shall count twenty points. The brother and sister society having the highest number of points at the close of the three contests shall receive a silver cup as a prize. Each winning participant shall receive a suitable medal.

This organization has been the means of securing the best possible co-operation between the different societies and have helped greatly in placing literary activities upon their rightful plane.



## ALETHEAN LITERARY SOCIETY

At seven-fifteen each Wednesday evening on the fourth floor in the Science Hall a group of Aletheans assemble for an hour to listen to a novel program which has been planned by the program committee. The first object is to make an impression on the new students and also to represent the subsequent value of this Literary Society.

The real membership drive was delayed for some time because of some technical difficulties. Meetings were held in the meantime to which the new students were cordially invited. A number of new members were added to the roll and their special abilities were demonstrated in the initiation. Each number on that program demanded originality and novel ideas on the part of the victim and all responded very creditably. The programs throughout the year were strictly literary with the subjects taken from different fields. When possible such programs were rendered as would lend to the appropriateness of the season. At other meetings the numbers were those of contestants in try-outs, the winner appearing in the inter-society contest. We were not able to ascertain the athletic ability of our society this year for intramural games were between the classes instead of literary societies. An occasional social meeting, either of our own society or jointly with our brother society, relieved the intellectual strain. Among these was the Christmas Party with the Athenians which was held in Lincoln Hall Lobby.

We can indeed say that we had a successful year. Our officers were well chosen and the program committee was efficient. It has been our aim to do work of merit and it is satisfying to feel that we have accomplished our purpose.

## OFFICERS

### First Semester

President - - - Martha Gerber  
Vice President - - - Mabel Studer  
Secretary - - - Treva Stepleton  
Treasurer - - - Ellen Ports  
Chorister - - - Irene Ramseyer  
Pianist - - - Margaret Amstutz  
Critic - - - Orpha Troyer  
Inter-Society Council Wilhelmina Bixel

### Second Semester

President - - - Zoa Manges  
Vice President - - - Irene Ramseyer  
Secretary - - - Margaret Amstutz  
Treasurer - - - Cleora Yoakum  
Chorister - - - Christine Day  
Pianist  
Critic - - - - Helen Jutzi  
Inter-Society Council Orpha Troyer



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## ATHENIAN LITERARY SOCIETY

The Athenian Literary Society has finished another year with its primary purpose well carried out—that of developing within its members an interest for things literary. The programs were varied as much as possible, the members of the society being assigned topics that fitted their individualities as nearly as possible. Humor in some form was generally introduced into the program. The extemporaneous speech was probably resorted to most frequently for this purpose; in such a case the victim was not informed that he was on the program until the program began. Essays, dialogues, and prepared speeches on worth while subjects all found their way into the weekly meetings. Some of the programs were on special topics, such as "Drama", "Parliamentary Procedure," and "The Missing Link". The last named program proved to be one devoted to the discovery of vocational abilities rather than the subject that the name would imply. The program committee during the first semester sensed a valuable source of material in the glee club trip in the East, and returning members "did their stuff".

Seven new members were netted in the annual membership drive. They showed promise in their initiation stunt, which was more difficult than in former years, as their speeches were absolutely spontaneous. Candidates for representation in the inter-society contest were tried out at the regular meetings, and the winners were usually fairly evenly matched with those of the rival society. Several joint meetings with the Alethian society were held during the year, and these, as the "open lit." meetings, were usually well attended. One of the student chapels of the second semester was conducted by officers of the club. The athletic prowess of the society could not be determined, as intra-mural games this year were played by opposing classes rather than literary societies. The first social of the club was held jointly with the Alethians in the form of a Christmas party. Even here literary work was not neglected, as the question, "Resolve That There is a Santa Claus," was debated by opposing sides.

Much credit should be given to the presidents of the club for their efforts to make the society's work successful. Forrest Musser and Jacob Warkentin both showed dependability in their offices.

### First Semester

President - - - Forrest Musser  
Vice President - - - Paul Smucker  
Secretary - - - Elmer Hostetler  
Treasurer - - - Morris Musser  
Chorister - - - Walton Alderfer  
Critic - - - Milton Badertscher  
Sgt. at Arms - - - George Thielman  
Inter-Society Council Jacob Warkentin

### Second Semester

President - - - Jacob Warkentin  
Vice President - - - Oliver Diller  
Secretary - - - Willis Beidler  
Treasurer - - - Elmer Hostetler  
Chorister - - - Walton Alderfer  
Critic - - - Prof. Thielman  
Sgt. at Arms - - - John Keller  
Inter-Society Council - - Glenn Hiltz



Walter Alderfer, Donald Amstutz, Earl Augspurger, Lynn Badertscher, Milton Badertscher, Noah Blosser, Ralph Blaser, Fred Baumgartner, Paul Badertscher, Willis Beidler, Charles Burkhardt, Oliver Diller, Warren Durkee, Wilford Geiger, Paul Gottshall, Ralph Hilti, Glenn Hilti, Elmer Hostettler, John Keller, Jacob Klassen, Carl Landis, Elmer Kanagy, Forrest Miller, Forrest Musser, Morris Musser, Ralph Naftziger, Robert Naftziger, Dietrich Remple, Edgar Rosenberger, Paul Smucker, Raymond Smucker, Carl Snively, George T. Iman, Jacob Thiebman, Key Wenger, William Williams, Lester Yoder, Seth Miller.

## THE PHILOMATHEAN LITERARY SOCIETY

The Philomatean literary society is composed of a group of women of the college who are interested in the intellectual and moral culture of its members. Because of its high cultural ideals and standards it has been able to maintain and even improve itself through years. Regardless of any rumor to the contrary, it does not "slide through" on its reputation. The keen competition of other "flits" has inspired the Philo executives to make greater efforts for its improvement. As a result this year has been a very successful one for the Philos.

A series of well-planned, educational programs aroused the interest of the new students to such an extent that eighteen new members were added to the roll. This same interest has been kept up during the year. One of the most interesting programs was about the "Short Story". The story was read up to the point where the climax was reached and then three girls were asked to give their original ending for it. As they knew no more about the real ending than did the rest, weird and surprising things took place. Everybody enjoyed a good laugh when the final part of the story was read.

Every effort was made throughout the year to plan the program in time for early assignments. Of course, even best intentions fell short once in a while, but renewed efforts brought the society nearer to its goal.

There were no interociety athletics this year but the literary contests were entered with the same enthusiasm. The contestants prepared long ahead for the contests that were to follow. The splendid cooperation given by our brother society the Adelphians, helped us to gain and maintain a lead during the entire series.

The silver cup which is given each year to the winners will be held by the Philo-Adelphians again this year. To us it is a great encouragement and a reward for the extra effort put forth. It shall be our duty in the future to so strive that this cup might remain in our societies as a permanent possession. However, we do not believe that this is the only reward that can come from a contest of this sort. Each individual that takes part may through his or her experience contribute to the interest and enthusiasm for greater intellectual achievement.

### First Semester

President - - Agnes Sprunger  
Sec.-Treas. - - Laura Conrad  
Critic - - Margaret Ruhl  
Inter-Society Council Kathleen Lugibihl

### Second Semester

President - - Dorothy Sprunger  
Vice President - - Eunice Conrad  
Critic - - Maurine Amstutz  
Inter-Society Council Margaret Ruhl  
Sargent-at-Arms - Katherine Fenton



Buelah Albrecht, Helen Albrecht, Maurine Amstutz, Martha Badertscher, Elizabeth Baumgartner, Florence Beidler, Margaret Beidler, Neva Bigler, Madeline Bogart, Eunice Conrad, Laura Conrad, Doris Diller, Eva Diller, Kathryn Fenton, Grace Gingery, Viola Guth, Louise Highway, Vesta Hostetler, Ruth Hall, Margaret Kimmel, Anne Krebbiel, Elmore Locher, Olive Locher, Kathleen Lugibhl, Emma Lowenberg, Evelyn Niswander, Lavahn Potee, Dorothy Quiring, Mary Rodebaugh, Laura Rosenberger, Anita Roth, Margaret Ruhl, Beatrice Slusser, Agnes Sprunger, Dorothy Sprunger, Eulalia Steiner, Lila Wiehe, F. Weldy

## ADELPHIAN LITERARY SOCIETY

The aim of any literary society should be to cultivate the talents of its members to the highest possible degree. The Adelphian society is composed of a group of versatile young men who have taken this project seriously. Although crippled by a loss of members and branded as a "happy-go-lucky" organization, they have attempted and succeeded in producing literary work of worthy note.

The programs throughout the year have been varied and interesting, such topics as literature, student activities, current events and seasonal activities being discussed. Special emphasis has been placed on giving each member a fair chance to demonstrate and improve his literary ability. Nor has this effort been in vain for the essayists and extemporaneous speakers found among the new members were of no mean ability and contributed much towards the winning of the inter-society challenge cup.

In order to stimulate interest in literary work and to put the calibre of work done on a higher plane, the inter-society contests have been instigated. Both societies cannot win these contests. The victory must go to one side or the other. The only difficulty is that too many literary enthusiasts are prone to possess the perverted idea that the primary purpose of the contest is to score a victory. The real victory—the satisfaction of having achieved something worth while—is scored almost equally by the conquered and vanquished. It has always been the Adelphian ideal to strive for the victory and at the same time to keep the primary purpose of the contest in view. They have always endeavored to assume a sportsmanlike attitude—when conquered, not an alibi; when victorious, not to gloat.

The realm of the Adelphian society as well as any other society, extends beyond the literary field and provides a means of social enjoyment. The various parties and socials in conjunction with their sister society held throughout the year serve as a means of getting better acquainted and have proved well worth while. This type of activity is especially essential for the new students.

The interest taken by the members is shown by the splendid attendance at all the meetings throughout the year. Members of former years who scarcely knew when the meetings were held have become regular attendants and active participants in literary work. Not even the warm spring weather could appreciably decrease the attendance or cause the interest to wane. This fine support has contributed much to the success of the society.

First Semester	Second Semester
President - - - Irvin Conrad	President - - John Ramseyer
Vice President - - Mervin Springer	Vice President - - Roy Cramer
Secretary - - Eldon Stahly	Secretary - - Laverne Benson
Treasurer - - Elmer Burkholder	Treasurer - - Merl Gerber
Critic - - - John Ramseyer	Critic - - - Merl Lehman
Inter-Society Council - Leroy Walke	Inter-Society Council - Irvin Conrad



Irvin Conrad, Mervin Springer, Laverne Benson, Vernon Conrad, Kenneth Wright, LeRoy Walke, Russel Close, A. C. Burcky, Emery Sears, Clayton Smucker, Eldon Stahly, Walton Landes, Arden Moyer, Walter Krehbiel, Paul Stauffer, Roy Cramer, Francis Rickert, Ted Cunningham, Lowell Risser, John Ramseyer, Donavon Close, Stanley Weldy, Edwin Badertscher, Elmer Burkholder, Myron Gerber, Horace Scheetz, Howard Eigsti, Warren Weiss, Adrain Amstutz, Roy Mohr, Ivan Moser, Kenneth Fretz, Abram Wiens, George Peters, Merl Lehmann, Merl Gerber, Orden Smucker, Ivan Geiger, Oliver Steiner, Weldon Diller, Charles DeWitt, Stanley Basinger.



#### THE PRESS CLUB

The press Club, which represents much of the student literary talent, is one of the foremost organizations on our campus. Membership is determined in tryouts at the beginning of each school year on the basis of journalistic ability. The work of the members, although it is not performed in a conspicuous manner, is none the less a major contribution to the life of the school, and necessitates a wholesome spirit of co-operation on the part of all. The purposes and accomplishments of this organization may best be judged by its widely known product, the Witmarsum.

This is a weekly publication which brings to present and former students news of all student activities. It records all athletic events, social functions, musical and literary activities debates and other important and interesting news. Many an amusing episode is revealed through the columns under the head of Ropp Hall Ripples and Lincoln Hall Quacks. Spirited editorials on topics of popular interest are a regular feature.

The eagerness with which it is received each week by the students may be taken as a criterion of its popularity. Its circulation extends not only to many different states, but also to a number of foreign countries where it is gladly received by alumni of the college.

To publish a paper of this kind requires an editorial staff composed of individuals who are mentally alert and observant. They must not only possess literary ability and discrimination but they must be able to compose articles of a style that will interest the reader. Probably no one appreciates the Witmarsum more or derives greater benefit from it than the members of the Press Club who sponsor it. Although they receive no financial reward they obtain intangible and permanent compensation in the form of training in practical journalism, which is furthered enhanced by the consciousness of the fact that they are contributing an important part to our college activities.

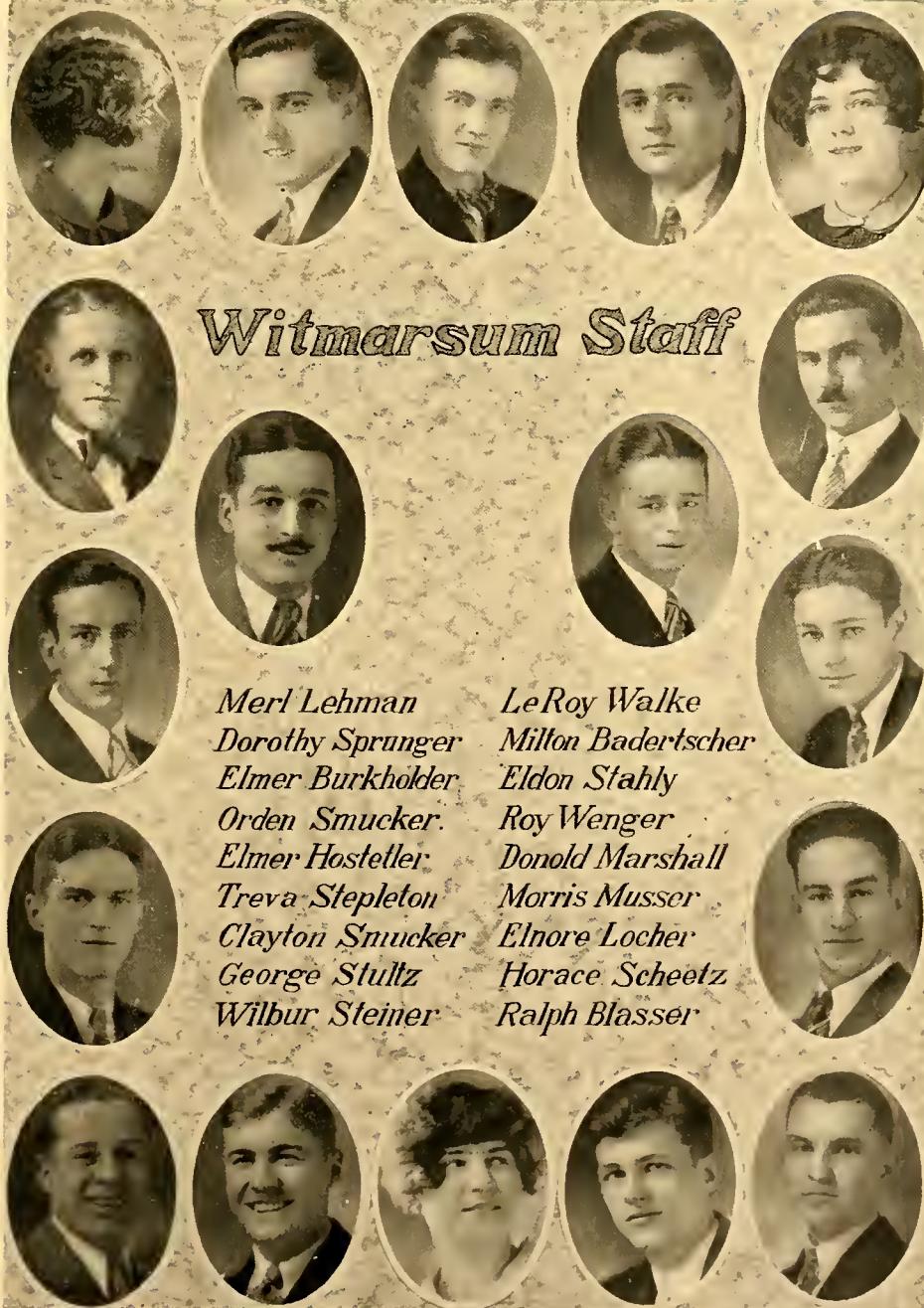
However, good literary style and technique, alone, can not insure success for any publication. Executive ability is also a necessary factor in order to take care of the business end, the advertising, and the circulation. Competent men are selected to fill managerial positions, and these are also members of the club.

No small amount of credit must be given to Editor Springer for the success of this year's Witmarsum. With the cooperation of the staff he has edited a paper that is a credit to Bluffton College.

## Witmarsum Staff

Merl Lehman  
Dorothy Springer  
Elmer Burkholder  
Orden Smucker  
Elmer Hostetler  
Treva Stepleton  
Clayton Smucker  
George Stultz  
Wilbur Steiner

LeRoy Walke  
Milton Badertscher  
Eldon Stahly  
Roy Wenger  
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Morris Musser  
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Bus. Mgr.

#### THE ISTA

The Ista is published annually by the Junior class. This photographic history of the school year has grown from a diminutive pack of pages with a paper cover to a volume which rivals all collegiate annuals of its size. During this progress it has witnessed a similar progress in the college life of the campus. Probably no organization appreciates this advancement as does the Ista Staff, because of the privilege which they have of portraying this as no other organization can do.

This publication not only contributes good journalism, and interesting illustrations, but with its expert photography, one of its major gifts to the college has been to bring home to its readers the real beauty and art that surrounds us here on the Campus.

Through increasing cooperation between the business men of the town the managerial department has been able to increase one of its greatest sources of income by securing a greater number of advertisements. This aids greatly in solving some of the problems which arise from the handicap of a small financial budget.

In this year's publication, we have not only followed some of the successful methods used by others, but have tried new ideas, new plans, hoping that we might cause those who come after us to strive to do bigger and better things.



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## ISTA JIBES

The Editor and Business Manager desiring to give due credit to the ex-officio members of our staff, who have been an integral part in making the book what it is:

### EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

THE GOOF who thinks that the editor and business manager don't have anything to do.

THE IGNORAMUS who expects some one to volunteer to turn in his copy for him.

THE NUT who comes around two or three months after the Junior & Senior panels have been closed and wants to get his picture in.

THE POOR BOOB who rushes in after all the copies have been turned in and says that he forgot to turn in the names of half of his club-members.

THE HON-YACKS who raise the duce if their pictures are not in the Ista and who set up an awful howl when we come around to take pictures.

THE A-RABS who turn in copies with a presupposition that the Staff is composed of mind readers and handwriting experts.

THE SHEENIE who thinks that the Ista has a large banking account and that he does not have to pay up until the last day of school. With such an able lot of assistants, editing the Ista is truly a pleasure. However, there are some questions which we would like to have answered.

### What Would Happen, If,

Eldon Stahly	-	-	-	-	Grew a mustache
Mike Gerber	-	-	-	-	Didn't shave.
Elmer Kanagy	-	-	-	-	Wore "Oxford Bags".
Anne Krehbiel	-	-	-	-	Couldn't have a date.
Paul Stauffer	-	-	-	-	Could play basketball
"Liver" Benson	-	-	-	-	Would train for track.
Beulah Albrecht	-	-	-	-	Didn't giggle.
"Ard" Moyer	-	-	-	-	Missed a class.
Elnore Locher	-	-	-	-	Lost two pounds

We editors may dig and toil,  
Till our fingers tips grow sore,  
But some poor sap is sure to say,  
"I've heard that joke before."



**SOCIETY**

## HOMECOMING DAY

Homecoming Day, when we pause to do honor to those who have labored in past years to make Bluffton what she is, when we try to entertain the grads and proudly show them that we have not allowed their alma mater to retrograde from the standards which they set up; and more, that we are moving forward, even as they moved forward, to a mightier Bluffton.

To be sure, no stone was left unturned in the effort to make the day a success and events crowded each other in close succession to make the day replete.

Saturday morning we spent with the alumni in revisiting old scenes and reuniting with old time friends on the campus. Every seat in chapel was filled when "Prexy" gave his official welcome to the returned prodigals.

The feature event of Homecoming of course, was the football game with Findlay. An innovation made in the way of a "hobo parade" by the students clad in patched cloaks and disreputable headgear. Led by the Purple and White band, these "men of the road" paraded the downtown streets and thence to the football field where they formed into a cheering section under the direction of cheermaster Walt Landis. And there was plenty of cheering to do, for Coach Bureky's machine hammered the line and circled the ends for a thrilling 25-0 victory.

At 6 o'clock in the evening, alumni, faculty and students gathered in Ropp Hall for the Homecoming Banquet. Spirit ran high as old grads recalled the Bluffton of former years. There was long and spontaneous applause when the members of the football team presented Coach with a trophy in token of their appreciation and esteem.

At 7:30 all campus paths led to Lincoln Hall to celebrate Open House. Gaily decorated rooms and the jovial banter of friends combined to give us a delightful evening.

# HOME COMING





## THE ENEMY

By Channing Pollock

## Cast



#### THE ENEMY

"The Enemy" given by the Junior Class is a play which emphasizes Peace in all its glory in contrast to the horrors of War. It was written by Channing Pollock. It has had successful runs on the stage in Chicago and many other cities. The plot is very difficult and requires an exceptional cast to present the theme in the most fitting manner. There is a continuous rise in action up to the third act, when the climax is reached in the last scene. This is a very emotional scene and it may be said that much of the success of the play was due to exceptional acting of the players at this point.

The first scene opens with Carl Behrend, a young play writer, talking with the girl he loves, Pauli Arndt. The place is in the Living Room of the Arndt Flat. Carl and Pauli have become so attached to each other that they are married. Within a few days Carl is called to the Army and Pauli is left alone. Hard times come upon the Arndt family as is the case with many of the people of the country. In due time a child is born to the starving Pauli and as she realizes their awful state she calls upon Carl's father for help. He, being a lover of money, has taken advantage of the fall in the value of their currency and has by a sale of bonds increased his own budget at the expense of many of the poorer people. He does not especially love the Arndt family and is very cruel to them.

Finally, after having experienced the horrors of war for a couple of years, rumors were spread over the country of its close end. Pauli is very hopeful when she hears the tramping of the feet of the returning soldiers. However, all her hopes are lost as Jan a former buddy of Carl's returns and tells of his sudden death. As she rushes to the only thing she has left in the world she finds that her baby, too, is dead. Sorrowful and almost panic-stricken Pauli falls upon her knees and thanks God that her baby could not fall by the same cruel hands of which his father died. The last act brings us gradually to a close where it is related that Pauli's only joy is that the play which Carl had written had become a success. The Enemy was attended by two large audiences. Much credit is given to the cast for their ability and for the work that they put into it. Coaches Howe and Smucker should be commended for the fine interpretation which they were able to put across through the cast.



## THE PIED PIPER OF HAMELIN

### CAST

<b>Mayor</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	Myron Gerber
<b>Councilmen</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	Walton Alderfer, Elmer Kanagy
<b>Pied Piper</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	Agnes Sprunger
<b>Inn Keeper</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	Mary E. Amstutz
<b>Lame Boy</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	LaVahn Potee
<b>Mother of Lame Boy</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	Vesta Hostettler
<b>Seer</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ola Luginbuhl
<b>Flower Girls</b>	-	Anne Krehbiel, Anita Roth, Martha Gerber					
<b>Toy Vender</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	Irene Ramseyer
<b>Chorus</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	Girls Glee Club



#### THE PIED PIPER OF HAMELIN

On the first and second of December the Girls Glee Club gave one of the most charming operettas in print, "The Pied Piper of Hamelin" by Aiken. The libretto is based on Browning's poem, of the same title. The story tells of the disappearance of all the children of Hamelin in the wake of the Piper. The Piper who had freed the town from a plague of rats and had been refused payment by the unprincipled councilmen, piped a tune that charmed all of the children thru the streets, across the fields and into an enchanted mountain, never to return. The repentant villagers mobbed the council and instituted a search thru the whole country, but in vain. The only comfort left Hamelin, was one little lame boy who had not been able to keep up with the procession.

The natural charm of the operetta was heightened by the scenery and costumes both of which were authentic and striking. Forrest Musser of the art department was responsible for the setting, a quaint mediaeval village square with the city gate at the back, and the Inn "Zum Goldener Hirsh" a busy gathering place to the right.

Mr. Sidney Hauenstein furnished a selected orchestra who with Wilhelmina Bixel at the piano, accompanied the performances. The whole was ably coached and directed by Miss Ruth Krehbiel, director of the Girls Glee Club.

## BLUFFTON DAY—1927

Mabel Williams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	May Queen
Eunice Lehman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Maid of Honor
Jacob Warkentin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	May Day Chairman
Kent Hauenstein	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Trumpeter

### Guards

Winfield Kropf  
Forest Burkholder

### Queen Attendants

Ruth Helen Augsburger  
Naomi Stettler  
Emma Lowenberg  
Mabel Clark  
Margaret Kimmel  
Flora Franz  
Rhoda Bender  
Cora Habeggar

### Crown Bearer

Mary Alice Howe

### Train Bearers

Laura Schultz  
Billy Holtkamp

### Flower Carriers

Margaret Berky  
Jean Berky  
Helene Quiring  
Mary Elizabeth Lape  
Herbert Klassen

### May Pole Dancers

Elizabeth Williamson  
Lela Diller  
Dorothy Benroth  
Maurine Amstutz  
Florence Beidler  
Helen Roulet  
Ella Mosiman  
Ellen Ports  
Madeline Bogart  
Elvira Gratz  
June Nonnamaker  
Margaret Beidler  
Treva Stepleton  
Glenna Beesly  
Elizabeth Baumgartner

### Orchestra

Samuel Burkhard  
Ralph Hilty  
Ora Spangler  
Hazel Fett  
Zoa Manges  
Samuel Diller  
Kent Hauenstein  
Wilhelmina Bixel  
Clayton Bixel  
Lawrence Lehman

19 MAY DAY 27





POPULAR MAN



Miss Martha O'Gerber



MAY QUEEN—POPULAR LADY

## COMMENCEMENT WEEK

### Sunday, June 3

### Baccalaureate Sermon

3:00 P. M.—College Chapel  
    “The Supremacy of Christ”—Pres. S. K. Mosiman  
7:00 P. M.—Campus  
    Joint Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. Meeting

### Monday, June 4

### Bluffton Day

7:00 A. M.—Junior-Senior Breakfast  
12:00 M.—Pi Delta Luncheon  
1:30 P. M.—Graduating Oratory Recital—Mrs. Sara Sink  
4:00 P. M.—Crowning of May Queen  
    Martha Gerber, May Queen  
    Zoa Manges, Maid of Honor  
7:30 P. M.—Class Exercises

### Tuesday, June 5

### Alumni and Old Students Day

7:00 A. M.—Varsity B Breakfast  
10:30 A. M.—Educational Conference  
12:00 M.—Class Reunions  
2:00 P. M.—Baseball—Northern vs. Bluffton  
4:00 P. M.—President's Reception  
6:30 P. M.—Alumni and Old Students Dinner

### Wednesday, June 6

### Twenty-eighth Commencement

10:00 A. M.—Commencement Address—Mennonite Church  
    Hon. Cyrus Locher, United States Senator  
12:00 M.—Commencement Luncheon—Gymnasium  
    Prof. Sidney Hauenstein, Toastmaster.



## COMMENCEMENT

Commencement week is always looked forward to at Bluffton as a week of festivals. A very elaborate program has been worked out by the authorities of the college and should offer a full program for all who attend. The graduating class of this year takes with it thirty-six of the students who have guided us since our entrance to college.

We are indeed greatly indebted to them for their service to us and for the contributions that they have made to their Alma Mater. It is our sincere desire that as they take their respective places in the outside world that they do not forget us and that they return often and watch our progress here.

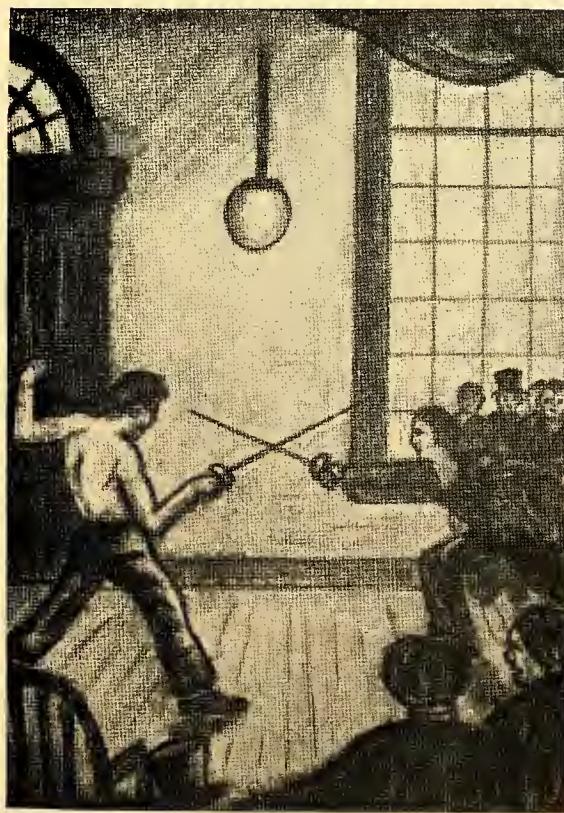


**A. C. BURCKY**  
**Head Athletic Coach**

Beaver athletics have attained high standards in the past few years. This state of incline we believe is due to the untiring efforts and the persistant zeal of our Coach, A. C. Burcky. He is the one most admired by the students because he always strives to give them the best that his experience can offer.

His high ideals are exemplified in the true sportsmanship exhibited by the teams that he has turned out. He is always out to win but never to sacrifice any of the characteristics of a good sport for a victory. His ultimate aim is a training for leadership, that will be of service when we go out to fight the battles of life. We are very fortunate in having such a noble and inspiring man to lead us in our athletic program, which is an important factor in our campus life.

# ATHLETICS





#### LIST OF V. B. MEN OF '27-'28

Vern Conrad - - - - - President  
 Charles Burkhart - - - - - Secretary-Treasurer

Ted Cunningham—Football, Basketball,  
 Tennis  
 William Williams—Football, Basketball  
 Vern Conrad—Football, Track  
 Irvin Conrad—Football, Basketball,  
 Track  
 Lester Yoder—Basketball, Baseball  
 Arden Moyer—Football, Basketball  
 Charles Burkhart—Football, Baseball  
 Mervin Springer—Football, Basketball,  
 Track  
 Russel Close—Football, Baseball

Warren Durkee—Basketball  
 Roland Swank—Football  
 Emory Sears—Football, Basketball  
 Glenn Hiltz—Football, Basketball, Track  
 Noah Blosser—Football  
 Roy Mohr—Football  
 Jacob Klassen—Track  
 Merl Lehman—Baseball  
 Kenneth Fretz—Football  
 Dietrich Remple—Football  
 Arthur Schumacher—Football  
 Ivan Geiger—Football



Back Row: Basinger, Stahly, Risser.

Third Row: Swartz, Moser, Mohr, Fretz, Geiger, Diller, Yoder, Schumacher, Badertscher, Coach Burcky.

Second Row: Remple, Cunningham, Sears, Moyer, I. Conrad, Close, V. Conrad, Burkhardt, Swank.

First Row: Williams, G. Hilty, Naffziger, Springer, Burkholder, M. Hilty, Blosser, Marshall.

#### SEASONS FOOTBALL RESULTS

	Vistitors	Bluffton
Oct. 8 Bluffton vs. Capitol—there	0	18
Oct. 15 Bluffton vs. Cedarville—here	12	19
Oct. 22 Bluffton vs. Toledo—here	6	0
Oct. 29 Bluffton vs. Defiance—there	13	0
Nov. 5 Bluffton vs. Findlay—here	0	25
Nov. 19 Bluffton vs. B. G.—there	6	12

## REVIEW OF THE SEASON

It cannot be denied by anyone that Bluffton had a very successful season in football this year. The success of the team cannot be laid to any one player in particular, but the team was composed of eleven men who never stopped fighting until the gun was fired. Perhaps, the greatest factor in the success of the Beavers was the excellent physical condition of the entire squad, which was due largely to the rigged training which they were forced to undergo during the season.

Two injuries crippled the entire team for some time, but the team was determined and in spite of the loss of Moyer and Conrad they did wonderful things. Moyer, was not able to return for the entire season, but Conrad, our flashy back, soon patched himself up and got into the game again.

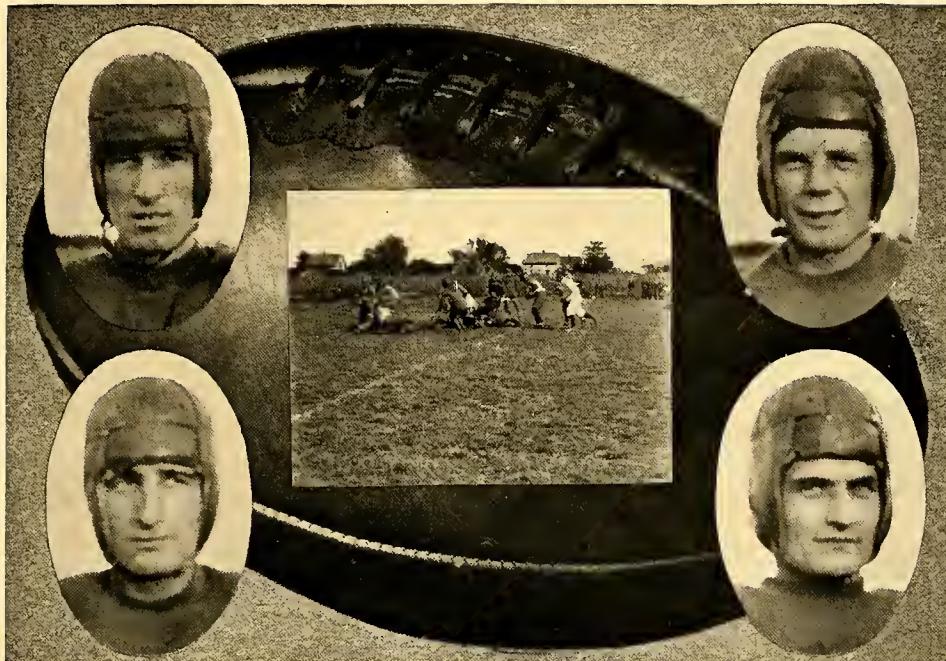
An abundance of new material was found in the Freshman class this year and several of them saw action during most of the season. Their greatest contribution to the team will be in the next few years when they will form the nucleus around which other teams will be built.

The team can be commended for the excellent head work exhibited and for their ability to gain ground in the open field. They were always able to gain greater yardage than their opponents and had the name of having a strong line. They were able to break even with their opponents in the number of victories which was exceptionally well for this seasons schedule.

Coach Bureky has said that although it is the lightest team that he has put into the field, this years team was the fastest one that he has ever had. This explains why they were respected by their opponents as a dangerous crew.

Probably the greatest victory was the one at Bowling Green where the conference champions, whose line had not been crossed all season bowed in defeat by a score of 12-6. It was in this game that Vern Conrad made his last sensational run of his college football career as he crossed the Bowling Green line for the second touchdown scored against them that day and also that season.

We are expecting great things to happen next year from those upon which the honor falls. There is a great deal of material from this year that is very promising and, of course, we do not want to forget that the incoming class makes its usual contribution which is highly appreciated.



**IRVIN CONRAD** Center Weight 160

Try as they might, Irvin can't be hemmed in. He got through for his man every time. As captain of this years team he strategically out-guessed the opposing brains. He has for four years played with the Beavers and has been a tower of strength in their line. His spirit courage and fight make him a real leader and what is more a gentleman. His place will indeed be hard to fill.

**ROLAND SWANK** End Weight 155

Rolly was the little prodigy of the Beaver squad. On defense two opponents could never keep him from his man. He kept the thrill in the game by his sensational receiving of passes. Swankie was all-conference end this season and is captain elect for next year. One hundred and fifty-five pounds that hit like two thousand one hundred and fifty-five, this fighting end will lead our team thru one of our hardest seasons.

**EMERY SEARS** Guard Weight 175

Emery is another of our Sucker State fighters. He is a real scrapper and contributed a great deal to bolstering the Beaver line. Opponents, after unsuccessful attempts, decided to make their gains elsewhere. It was Sears last year here and his plugging will be missed.

**GLEN HILTY** Halfback Weight 150

Another of our boys from Pandora. Glen's energy has no bounds for he makes a tremendous success of anything he tackles and football is no exception. He is light but fast as lightning and time after time tore around the ends for considerable gains, pushing the Beavers on to victory. This was his final year for Bluffton and his absence will be very evident.

## CAPITAL U. VS BLUFFTON AT COLUMBUS

Revenge for previous defeats by the university gridders was sweet for the Purkymen. There was no question as to the superiority of the Beaver combination. Outweighing their opponents, they exhibited a powerful offensive drive which, coupled with a stubborn defense, had Capital completely outclassed with the exception of a brilliant spurt at the beginning of the third period.

The Beaver line provided a rugged defense and the backfield machine, with Conrad at full, Cunningham barking the signals, and Geiger and Mohr at the half back positions, functioned well nigh perfectly.

Bluffton scored first when, near the end of the first half a pass from Cunningham to Swank netted six points.

At the beginning of the second half, Capitol threatened with a consistent aerial attack, but the punch needed to score was lacking.

In the third quarter Russ Close playing tackle scooped up a Capitol fumble and carried the ball across the line.

Early in the final period Cunningham tossed a pass to V. Conrad for the last touchdown of the game. The Lutherans made a desperate attempt to score but the final gun found the ball on Bluffton's 30 and the score 18-0.

## CEDARVILLE COLLEGE AT BLUFFTON

In one of the most spectacular football games ever witnessed by Bluffton grid fans, Bluffton college defeated Cedarville 19-12. Bluffton took the ball from the kick off and never halted until Cunningham carried the ball across the line. Every part of the team was functioning like a machine. Gaining the ball on a fumble they again worked goalward, with Hilty and Conrad winding in and out of the holes. Mohr carried the ball across the second time on a four yard line plunge. V. Conrad place kicked to make the score 13-0 for Bluffton. Up to this time Adair, the downstate fleet foot had but little chance. Cedarville in their turn took the pigskin down the field just as consistently as had Bluffton in the first quarter, making the score 13-6 at the half. But all was as well as the score indicated. Vern Conrad was seriously injured before the half ended; this laid him out for the next two games. Bluffton now resorted to the aerial route. Cunningham, one of the best passers in the northwestern Ohio Conference, proved his worth to the team in this role in the second half. Adair had returned a punt for seventy yards to make the count 13-12. Their try for point was blocked but they were too dangerously near with Adair doing his stuff. After carrying the ball within scoring distance twice Cunningham passed to Swank across the goal line for the final touch-down of the game. "Roly" made a spectacular catch picking the ball away from three Cedarville men. This game showed just how much our Sterling lad meant to the team. He was always good for a gain in strategic points. His threat was sorely missed in the two games that followed.



**RUSSEL CLOSE** Tackle Weight 173

It was no surprise when the Bowling Green man placed Russ on the all Conference team for the second consecutive year. Close played a whale of a game at tackle, both offensive and defensive, and always displayed the spirit and determination to win. At Capital he picked up a Lutheran fumble and romped to a touchdown. His absence, too, will be keenly felt.

**DIETRICH REMPLE** Tackle Weight 203

This big boy, who hails from Reedley California made his weight tell. He crashed through the opponents line, opening up wide holes for our backs. On defense he was a veritable stone wall and stopped everything that came near. He will form the bulwark of the line next year.

**TED. CUNNINGHAM** Quarterback  
Weight 164

Only a Sophomore but two years a Varsity man, that's Ted. His accurate passing was a continual threat and yard gainer. Always cool at critical moments he called the play that fitted the situation. He not only directed team strategy but he carried the ball himself for the longest gains of the season. On defense he was of inestimable value.

**IVAN GEIGER** End Weight 180

Ike is a Bluffton boy and came out for a backfield position, but when Moyer was forced to remain idle because of injuries, he was sent in to fill his shoes. Anyone who watched the Beavers perform this year can tell you how ably he did it, especially in the Home-coming game with Findlay. He received due recognition by being placed on the all conference team.

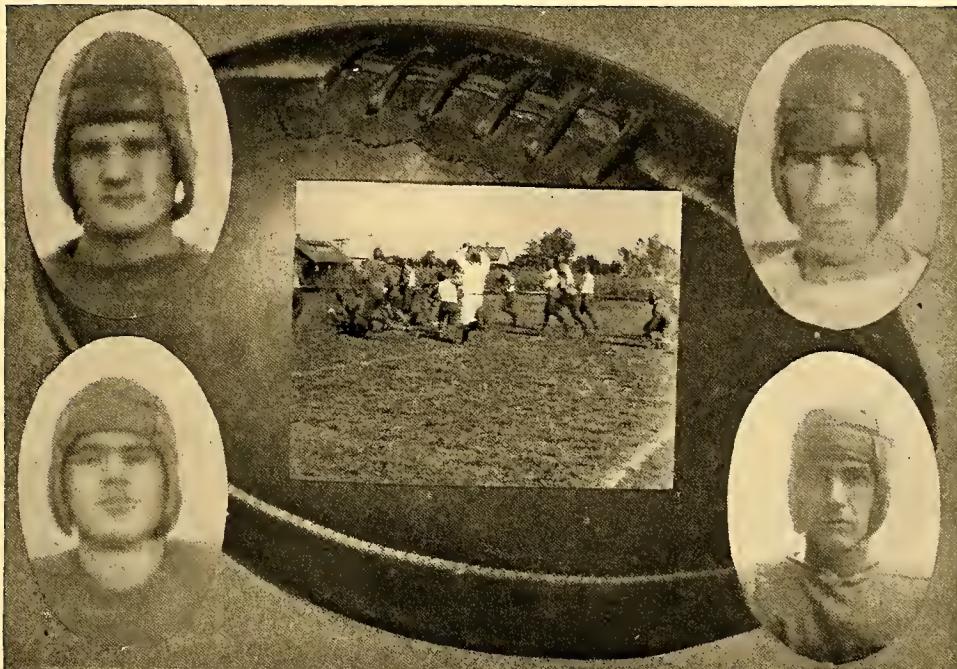
## TOLEDO UNIVERSITY AT BLUFFTON

It was indeed a hard game to lose after the splendid showing the team had made. An intercepted pass and a fumble on Toledo's five yard line spelled defeat for the Beavers. The Rockets from the Lake City were unquestionably outplayed in every period and phase of the game. Outside of their fifty yard run with the intercepted pass, they made only sixty yards during the entire encounter. Bluffton gained two hundred and ninety-five yards with sixteen first downs while Toledo was advancing the ball one hundred ten yards with only five first downs. Toledo scored in the first quarter on a freak play. Cunningham was attempting to pass. Just as the ball left his hand a Toledo linesman knocked it into the air, and to the back of Cunningham. Another Toledoan who happened on the spot just at the critical moment caught the stray ball and ran fifty yards through an open field for a touchdown. In the second quarter Bluffton plunged the line and passed to take the ball to the one foot line. Here another attempted plunge by Mohr was frustrated by the air tight front set up by the opposing team. The half ended soon after with Bluffton in possession of the ball on the eighteen yard line. The Rockets chose to kick off the second half and the Beavers went thru the opposing line as if it were a sieve but they were halted again when there was only eleven yards to go. After several exchanges of punts, Bluffton again started from their own offense and carried the pigskin for sixty-two yards before they could be halted. After several exchanges and punts the game ended with the Rockets victorious 6-0. The fans indeed saw a great exhibition of a plunging team but it lacked the variation usually added by the other Sterling twin, Vern Conrad who was injured.

## DEFIANCE VS BLUFFTON AT DEFIANCE

This proved to be the hardest fought battle of the season. Bluffton, handicapped by injuries fought an uphill battle, but the yellow jackets had all the breaks in their favor and the final score 13-0 for Defiance was ideal for a Defiance homecoming.

Coach Burcky started a new combination and the yellow jacket immediately opened up a smashing line attack which netted 5 first downs and a touchdown. The kick was good and the score was 7-0. Burcky's warriors then carried the ball to the Defiance 22 yard line and lost it just as the initial period ended. The second and third periods were punting duels between Cunningham and Archambault, neither side being able to come within scoring distance. The final period was again exciting and the Tiskilwa proteges released a smashing attack and pushed the yellow jackets back to their 9 yard line only to lose the ball on downs. Defiance punted out of danger and with only a minute left to play a Defiance man intercepted a Beaver pass and romped to a touchdown, making the final score 13-0. This game was Williams first and he filled the place at half back very ably. Conrad, Cunningham and Hiltz played their usual fast, consistent game and took advantage of every opportunity to score ground. The Beavers excelled the yellow jackets in first downs 13-8, and also in yardage gained but they lost when they failed to keep the ball when within scoring distance.



#### **O. KENNETH FRETZ Guard Wt. 175**

O. Kenneth hails from "Pennsylvania". It was his first year in grid warfare but he had the brawn and the brain for the position. Opponents but wasted their time trying to go thru him. He never to do his bit when an opening was to be made on his side of the line. With a year of experience back of him, we know that we will have at least one good guard next season.

#### **ROY MOHR Fullback Weight 150**

Mohr hails from Illinois and must be cornfed for he is all brawn and is solid as a rock. As a line plunger he did splendid work. In the Cedarville game he dived through for a touchdown. On defense, his steady backing up of the line proved his ability. We expect much of Roy in the three years to come.

#### **VERN CONRAD Halfback Weight 145**

Vern playing his fourth year as the important cog in Coach Burky's Football machine, was again the most outstanding and brilliant back in the Conference. He was out of several games due to injuries but he came back strong and those who saw it will never forget how he ran for the second touchdown at Bowling Green. It is needless to say that he won a berth on the all Conference team.

#### **CHARLES BURKHART Halfback Weight 170**

If you have ever watched Charlie for a few minutes in a game, you'll know he means no good to the opponents. Just as with General Thomas, he struck slow but with the force of a sledge hammer. The Thundering Herd is more easily stopped. In the Bowling Green game we saw Burky plunge through their heavy defense for gain after gain.

## FINDLAY VS BLUFFTON AT BLUFFTON

The Beavers made Home-coming Day a huge success, despite the cold weather, when they walloped Barnharts men 25-0.

The game started with a bang, Cunningham carrying the ball across on the third play. Findlays only real threat came shortly afterwards when they completed a long forward pass that put the ball on the Bluffton 25 yard line, where they lost it on 3 incomplete passes and an unsuccessful line plunge. The second period was decidedly in favor of the Bluffton boys, for the ball was played within Findlay's 40 yard zone the entire quarter. The Beavers lost the ball twice on the 8 yard line and once on the three yard line but Conrad finally went thru the team for the second touch-down. A little later, just before the half ended, Cunningham took the pig skin across for the third tally. This time the try for point was good and the score stood 19-0.

As the second half opened, Swartz, Hilty and Burkhardt went in for Conrad, Mohr and Williams. This period was well balanced, the ball remaining in midfield most of the time.

In the last quarter the Findlay center threw the ball over the punters head, making it first down on the one yard line for Bluffton. From there Conrad easily added 6 more points making the final score 25-0. In favor of the Beavers.

V. Conrad, almost completely recoverd from his injuries, made long gains around the flanks of the Findlay line. Cunningham also made some nice runs via the same route. The Beavers line proved very efective, for many times the Big Orange plays were thrown for losses. Bureky's Gridders did their share in making Home-Coming Day a success.

## BOWLING GREEN AT BOWLING GREEN

Bowling Green had the record of being the only undefeated team in Ohio, not once had their goal line been crossed all season. The Beavers took the challenge and handed them the short end of a 12-6 verdict. No more thrilling game was seen by the Bluffton delegation. It was a clean hard fought game all the way through but the Bluffton warrior's seemed to have the edge on the upstaters. A neatly executed fake play gave Bluffton its first score in the initial period when Cunningham carried across the ball which the opponents thought belonged to Conrad. This however followed two long runs by Vern and Ted from the Beavers twelve yard line. Every member of the team was hitting on all four's and their plays worked with machine-like precision. Bowling Green on their part found our line practically impenetrable and their offense consisted of an unceasing barrage of lateral and forward passes. Five in a row were completed. Bluffton too tried the lateral pass and in the third period a B. G. man snatched one of these from the hands of Vern Conrad and ran for a touch-down. Their try for point was blocked and the score stood at six all. This mishap did not dishearten the team but made it necessary that they show their best general-ship of grid warfare. The Beaver fans were breathless as B. G. carried the ball to the seven yard line on consecutive downs. But the line held and Lightman was thrown for a loss on the fourth down. Now in the final period, Bluffton has worked back from their seven yard line into B. G.'s territory. A long pass from Cunningham to Williams put us within thirty-five yards of goal. Williams carried the ball on a fake play for ten more yards and then Vern Conrad closed his career in a most fitting manner when he ran twenty-five yards evading three or four tacklers for the winning touchdown. The game soon ended with the score 12-6. Bowling Green has been beaten and their line crossed twice. Their Homecoming was a bit disappointing while the Beaver's "homecoming" was most gratifying in all respects. The winning of this game gave us four victories and two losses for the seasons record.



#### **NOAH BLOSSER Guard Weight 175**

He was only a Freshmen but nevertheless a necessary one for the team. He was a consistent plugger and this no doubt is the reason he was able to make his letter. Noah has that fighting spirit that keeps a team going. With three more years before him he should become a permanent fixture on the team.

#### **DON SWARTZ Halfback Weight 155**

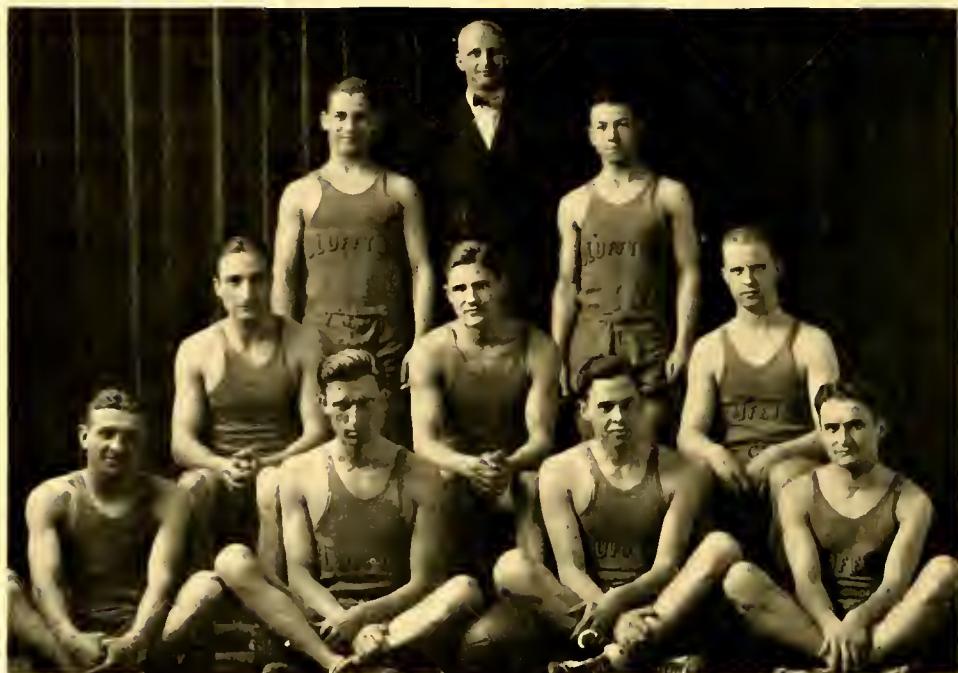
Columbus sent to us a young man by the name of Swartz. He was a half-back whose fighting spirit meant much to the team. On offense he whirled and twisted for yardage and on defense he was veritably a bear as line supporter. At times he even furnished the guiding intelligence as quarter-back. Don will not be with us next year, and we shall miss him.

#### **MERVIN SPRINGER End Weight 150**

For four years "Paavo" of the sucker state stuck with the game. Sprained arms and ankles discouraged him not in the least, and he had his share of them. Fast on his feet he was always on the spot at the psychological, critical and other moments. Although not playing as much as some of the others, we need more men of his calibre in Beaver athletics.

#### **COACH BURCKY**

Coach Burcky is the man to whom should go all the praize for the success of this year's football team. He is devoting all of his time to Beaver athletics and as a result has done some wonderful things for Bluffton. All of the men respect Coach Burcky and think of him as a regular pal.



#### BASKETBALL RESULTS

Dec. 6—Superior Motor Coach	13	Bluffton	39
Dec. 9—Antioch College	22	Bluffton	33
Dec. 15—Ohio Northern U.	37	Bluffton	29
Dec. 20—Wittenberg College	26	Bluffton	17
Jan. 7—Findlay College	24	Bluffton	37
Jan. 13—Toledo University	26	Bluffton	24
Jan. 18—Bowling Green Normal	33	Bluffton	31
Jan. 24—Wilberforce University	45	Bluffton	30
Jan. 23—Defiance College	18	Bluffton	37
Feb. 4—Dayton University	29	Bluffton	24
Feb. 10—Toledo University	25	Bluffton	26
Feb. 11—Ohio Northern U.	40	Bluffton	46
Feb. 17—Bowling Green Normal	32	Bluffton	27
Feb. 23—Defiance College	43	Bluffton	51
Feb. 25—Antioch College	34	Bluffton	56
Feb. 28—Findlay College	33	Bluffton	34
 Total Points	 Opponents	<hr/> 480	<hr/> 534



**ARDEN MOYER, Captain**      **Center**  
**Souderton, Pa.**

"Ard" after having played on the team for two years was elected captain of the 1927-27 Beavers, which position he filled with merit. He played a hard and consistent game during the entire season. He has a specialty of intercepting passes and he has the eye of an eagle when it comes to getting into the right place at the right time. He is a natural leader and has the ability to promote team work. In addition to this, he always gets his share of points and Conference honors. Moyer will be with us again next year.

## REVIEW OF THE SEASON

Looking back over the cage events of the season we find that at the beginning Coach Burcky had four letter men and an entirely new reserve squad. However, the Beavers started off the season with a rush by decisively defeating the Superior Motor Coach Co. from Lima in the first game and Antioch in the second. These games gave the Coach a chance to try out some of his material and they also showed that the Beavers were going to have another real basketball team.

One of the most exciting games of the season this year was the one with Toledo when the Purple and White trounced the Rockets by the score of 26-25. In this game there was a continuous fight for the lead. Several times it changed from one team to the other, but, finally after what might be called the most defensive game of the season, the Beavers were ahead.

The very next evening the Bluffton fans had the privilege of witnessing the drubbing given the Ohio Northern crew in their own floor. That evening the Beaver combination was working perfectly and as a result our old rivals were forced to bow to the flashy Burcky outfit as their superiors.

Another of the very exciting games played this year was the one with Bowling Green here. Although we did not win this game, the crowd felt that they had received their money's worth and that they had seen some fast basketball. We must not forget the last game of the season played with our old rivals at Findlay college. They always put up an interesting battle and one cannot call the season complete without having witnessed this game.

With four letter men for next year together with the new material that shows up next Fall, Bluffton should continue her brilliant record of the past seasons.



**WILLIAM WILLIAMS**

**Forward**

**Gomer, Ohio**

On the basis of last year's performance, much was expected of Bill this year. From the very first game it was evident that our expectations were well founded, for he came through with a vengeance. Many were the opposing guards who dreaded to see him come marching down the floor, vainly tried to stop him, only to see the ball inevitably swish thru the net. He was not only high point man on the team but was equally effective on defense.

**EMERY SEARS**

**Forward**

**Tiskilwa, Illinois**

Emery was not a professional basketball player when he came out this year, but he is a hard worker and has the determination that won him a berth on the team. He always played the same steady game. He was interesting to watch as he went about breaking up passes for his opponents. He always seemed to be where they didn't want him. Often he came through with unexpected shots which kept the game on ice for his team. In other words, Sears has that Beaver spirit which he exemplified in every game.



**WARREN DURKEE**

Guard

Beaverdam, Ohio

Durkee certainly has that "old fight". He is right there when it comes to getting the rebounds. Many times he has changed a defensive game into an offensive one by recovering the ball as it came to his end of the floor. He was also sure of at least one long shot a game and his attempts were all accompanied by shrieks from feminine admirers. It certainly takes a wary man as sentinel when left to guard three opponents but Warren is just the man for the place. He'll be with us yet another year.

**TED CUNNINGHAM**

Guard

Marion, Ohio

Ted, playing his second year of varsity basketball, displayed a remarkable defensive game, breaking up the opponent's pet plays innumerable times. His offensive work also contributed greatly to the success of the team, for every game was featured by several beautiful long ones from the center of the floor. His performance was always speedy, clean and consistent. We are looking forward to a great year for Ted on the hardwood.

## TRACK

Very early in the Spring, even before the snow is completely gone, a large group of cinder path artists begin their training for greater honors that are to be heaped upon their Alma Mater. Most of these are seniors for it is around them as a nucleus that our entire team is built. Looking back to last year and to its success including the conference championship we can receive that confidence which is necessary to attain great heights this year.

Headed by our fleet-footed speed-boy, Conrad, and aided by his classmates, the team entered the new season with great enthusiasm. On April the twenty-first, a team was sent to the Ohio Relays, there to compete against the best of the country.

The second event that took place was the triangular meet here between, Ohio Northern, Bowling Green and Bluffton. The Beavers were again unable to aver the strength of the Polar Bears and allowed them to carry off the majority of the honors with 74 points. Bluffton come in second with 34 points and Bowling Green finished with 24.

On the fifth of May in a dual meet with Toledo we were again found to be of superb strength by copping the meet with a score of 72 to 54. Here a very strange thing happened when Verne who was seemingly winning the century with no great difficulty was unexpectedly nosed out of first place in the final stride. This Toledoan will make things interesting in the meets that are to follow. At Bowling Green we began to realize our weak points in long distance and weight events, and as a result lost the first meet to conference competition in the history of Bluffton College.

Our strongest events this year will be the dashes, hurdles, high and broad jumps and the pole vault. Risser has won the pole vault in both of the dual meets that we have had so far and has also been improving very nicely in the high jump. The Freshman class has also made a valuable contribution this year. Mervin Hiltz has shown considerable ability in the dashes. Ivan Geiger is another short distance man who makes a very good running mate for Verne.

In summarizing, we can only look forward to another successful season in track. Besides taking our share of victories, some new men will be given experience in preparation for the vacancies that they must fill, due to the retiring force of Seniors.



#### BLUFFTON TRACK RECORD

100 yard dash, 10 1-5 sec., V. Conrad, 1927  
220 yard dash, 23 2-5 sec., V. Conrad, 1927  
220 low hurdles, 25 3-5 sec., V. Conrad, 1927  
120 high hurdles, 15 sec., V. Conrad, 1927  
440 yard dash, 54 sec., M. Springer, 1927  
880 yard run, 2.09, D. Salzman, 1925  
Mile run, 5 min. 28 sec., Gottshall, 1925  
Two mile run, 11 min. 39 sec., Gottshall, 1925  
High jump, 5 ft. 5 in., Jeckel, 1927  
Broad jump, 21 ft. 4½ in., V. Conrad, 1927  
Shot put, 39 ft., Berry, 1927  
Discus throw, 104 ft., Conrad, 1927  
Javelin, 165 ft., Murray, 1926  
Pole vault, 10½ ft., Litwiler, 1924  
Mile relay, 3 min. 39 sec., Osenbaugh, Gottshall, Salzman,  
J. Augsburger, 1924.



#### OHIO RELAY TEAM

On a track of mud and water, the Bluffton college relay team splashed and sprinted their way to fourth place in the Annual Ohio Relays. This showing is the result of a group of hard workers formed into a well balanced team. They should be given due recognition and praise by every loyal Bluffton College athletic booster.

The team is composed of the three veterans, Klassen, Conrad and Springer, along with the fleetfooted Hilty. He is only a Frosh but ably took care of the position left vacant from last year.

The team will be crippled considerably at the close of the season. In fact, it will be nearly wiped out of existence as Conrad, Springer and Klassen are lost by graduation.

Geiger and V. Conrad tryed their skill in the century. Vern finished fourth out of a large number who entered. Geiger and Hilty will form a very good nucleus around which to build the team next year.



#### CONFERENCE RELAY TEAM

The same team that won in the Ohio Relays have been winning their conference meets. As this is the last year for three of the boys they will do all in their power to go through undefeated.

Mervin Hilty, the only underclassman on the team has been holding up his end of the task very well. He has not only been a consistent man in the 440 but Coach has found need of him on the straight-away also.

Each one of these men are main stays on the track team and much of our success this year depends on what they do in the remaining meets. This year, Springer, Irvin Conrad and Klassen are running for the last time. It is needless to say what they have meant to the track team and that it will take men of no mean ability to take their places.

## VARSITY BASEBALL

The prominence of baseball on the Bluffton Campus is one made permanent by the history of the team that have done their duty. Last year the success of our teams was at its height when the Beavers finished the season with only one defeat and the Conference championship in the bargain. With such college diamond stars as Howe, Williams and Schwartz always in the lineup the moral of the teams was never seen to run at a low ebb.

This year Coach Burcky has to whip in a new pitching staff. This, of course, hits the team pretty hard. Notwithstanding this fact, the team hit it off on the right foot and won their first game 9-6. Toledo University was able to win from us in the second game by a score of 5 to 4. The team has a very heavy schedule this year and has found some stiff competition in Bowling Green and Defiance. Otterbein college is a new rival in Beaver athletics and an interesting game is expected.

Although we cannot expect a conference championship this year we will feel that the season has been very successful if we can keep up good spirits and show the other colleges that they will have to work for their money.

The return tilts should result in a different score as the new team will have had the advantage of the experience gained in the first round. Coach Burcky is hard to beat when it comes to coaching baseball so we are very optimistic as to what can be built out of the material that we have for this year.

Williams is serving his team in a three-fold capacity, being used where he is needed the most. A neat little short stop was lost when Remi Hilty graduated last year, but the position is being handled very capably by Gerber, who transferred from Wooster, where he has had some experience at this post. "Jim" Musser is working hard in the pitcher's box and he has some ability too, which will serve his team in a very respectable manner before he graduates.

There is a large squad out every night plugging away at the "pill." Out of this bunch of men ought to come another team which will make their opponents sit up and take notice as they watch the ball sailing over their heads for two and three baggers. We believe that baseball will be a consistent success at Bluffton.



#### BASEBALL SCORES

April 19	.....	Findlay	6	.....	Bluffton	9
April 27	.....	Toledo U.	5	.....	Bluffton	4
May 1	.....	Ohio Northern U.	6	.....	Bluffton	7
May 4	.....	Defiance	16	.....	Bluffton	9
May 8	.....	Bowling Green	14	.....	Bluffton	0
May 11	.....	Toledo U.	13	.....	Bluffton	7
May 18	.....	Otterbein	.....	.....	Bluffton	
May 19	.....	Findlay	.....	.....	Bluffton	
May 25	.....	Bowling Green	.....	.....	Bluffton	
May 29	.....	Defiance	.....	.....	Bluffton	
June 5	.....	Ohio Northern	.....	.....	Bluffton	

## TENNIS TEAM

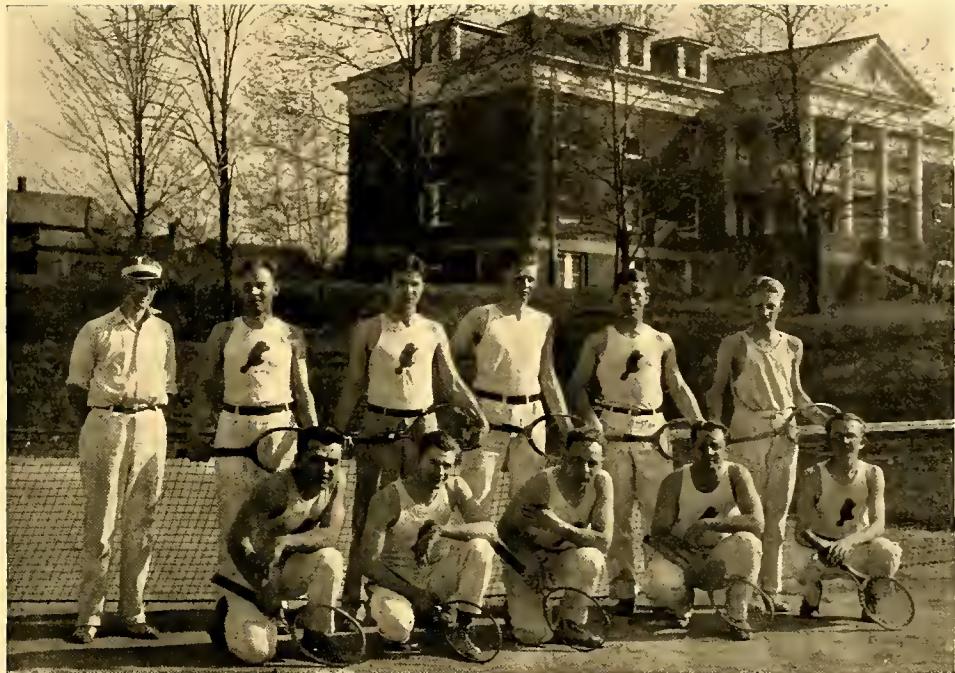
Under the careful and consistent tutelage of Coach H. W. Berky, the Bluffton College tennis team developed from a mediocre team to one worthy of honorable mention and praise.

The team began with a handicap due to poor weather conditions, and furthermore, to the absence of our star performer, Cunningham. The first few matches were lost because of a lack of confidence in their ability as amateurs. Most of the men have had little or no experience in inter-collegiate competition, therefore one can readily see what the installation of Cunningham into the group did for them.

With Cunningham, Hilty and Steiner playing singles, and Riekert and Kanagy together with Cunningham and Hilty in doubles, we have a combination which seems to be headed for a Northwestern championship.

The first match was with Findlay. The boys put up a good fight but it seemed that they just lacked the punch to put it over, and Findlay won 4-1. In the next match with Toledo one could see an improvement over the former tilt, but a little nervousness was still evident as they came up against such stiff competition. Here is where the tide changed and the Beavers have not witnessed a defeat since. The season is more than half finished and we believe that the team will have a very successful outcome.

The graduating class takes only two men in this particular sport and there are many others looking for positions. The team next year will have had advantage of experience and Bluffton ought to experience another of the teams that they used to produce back in the good old days of Scheid and Bixel.



#### RESULTS OF TENNIS MATCHES TO DATE

April 19	Findlay 4	Bluffton 1
April 27	Toledo 5	Bluffton 0
May 4	Defiance 2	Bluffton 3
May 8	Bowling Green 2	Bluffton 3
May 11	Toledo 0	Bluffton 5
May 19	Findlay	Bluffton
May 25	Bowling Green	Bluffton
May 29	Defiance	Bluffton

## GIRL'S ATHLETICS

The second year of an enlarged program of girl's athletics is being carried through successfully. Athletic activities are controlled indirectly by the regular athletic board, but the definite program was organized by a women's faculty committee of which Miss Moon is chairman, and Evelyn Niswander as student coach, and Eunice Conrad, the hiking club manager.

Every girl in college is eligible to work for a girl's "Varsity B". Proficiency in a sport is desired, but not an absolute essential. A letter is earned with fifty points, which can be obtained in various ways by participating in the prescribed words of a number of sports.

The schedule of points from which to select this year was, hiking—thirty; basketball—fifteen; baseball—ten; track—ten; tennis—for twelve hours work and participation in the tournament—fifteen points, for an additional twelve hours practice—ten points; and for reading and outlining selected books—not more than ten points, each book counting five points.

No intercollegiate games were played, interest being maintained by each sport on its own merits. Hiking was carried on throughout the entire school year. Basketball was the early winter sport, and was followed by indoor baseball, which was concluded before spring vacation. Evelyn Niswander was the active coach of these activities.

After spring vacation, with the advent of more desirable weather the outdoor sports were started, with a large number of girls playing tennis, and a somewhat smaller group out for track practice.

Hiking, while a means of obtaining points for a "Varsity B" is organized as a distince activity, with Eunice Conrad as upperclass manager for 27-28. The requirements for credit this year were to hike fifty miles a month, four months of each semester. Not more than one hike can be taken in one day, and this must be not less than two miles and not more than four miles. Under this plan the girls are kept out doors much of the time.

A "hiking B" is presented to all members completing the year's mileage who do not desire to earn the twenty additional points necessary for a "Varsity B". To freshmen, and other members hiking of the first year an hour of college credit in physical training is given.

With this arrangement of activities an appeal was made to several interests, and many girls found it worth their while to spend their leisure time in organized athletics. It is felt that this program for girls is a great asset to their college life. It provides worth while sports for recreation for most of the girls, thus sponsoring better health, team work and good sportsmanship.

The following girls have earned a "Varsity B" since the inauguration of this program:

Agnes Sprunger	Anna Ruth
Mary E. Amstatz	Kathleen Lugibihl
Margaret Amstutz	Anita Roth
Ellen Ports	Lillian Moser
Ella Mosiman	Olive Locher
Martha Badertscher	Ruth Hall
Eunice Conrad	Beatrice Slusser
Laura Conrad	Viola Guth
Maurine Amstutz	Martha Moser
Evelyn Niswander	Kathryn Kropf
Beulah Albrecht	Mary Baumgartner
Elnore Locher	Helen Albrecht
Margaret Beidler	Grace Gingery



Members of the Hiking Club are:

Mary E. Baumgartner  
Kathleen Lugibihl  
Elizabeth Goertz  
Mary Rodabaugh  
Martha Moser  
Kathryn Kropf  
Grace Gingery  
Helen Albrecht  
Beulah Geiger  
June Nonnamaker

Anna Ruth  
Elizabeth Williamson  
Ruth Hall  
Mabel Studer  
Beulah Albrecht  
Anita Roth  
Emma Lowenberg  
Elnore Locher  
Laura Conrad  
Eunice Conrad

## ATHLETICS AT BLUFFTON 1927-28

In summarizing the athletic activities of the year most of us are interested in a summary which will bring to our minds in future years some of the pleasures and pains of mind and body, which has been experienced in the victories and defeats of our teams, for, to many of us our team is our fame. As the present swiftly changes into the future we shall muse with pleasure on the gridiron, court, the diamond, and the track, thinking of the great battles won and lost and the training received there.

The year 1927-28 as a whole has been one worthy of mention. The football season opened with brilliant prospects of a winning team. Just a few weeks after practice began Bluffton defeated the Polar Bears in a practice game 8-0. The first scheduled game was at Columbus where Bluffton defeated Capitol University to the tune of 18 to 0. Then came the hard fought game with Cedarville College in which Bluffton's star back was seriously injured. Never-the-less, Bluffton defeated the Southerners 19 to 12. Although the entire Bluffton Campus was saturated with great enthusiasm and the team went onto the field in high spirits Bluffton was forced to defeat in their next encounter with Toledo. Due to the alertness of one of the Toledo ends, they were able to score the only touchdown of the game through an intercepted pass. This was followed by a defeat at the hands of the Defiance crew, who took advantage of Bluffton's injured team. Perhaps, the best game of the season was on Homecoming Day when the Beavers triumphed over the Big Orange by a score of 25 to 0. Another thriller was the game with Bowling Green, when Bluffton crossed their goal line twice. This gave Bluffton four victories against two defeats as the final record of the season.

Three of the Beaver men were placed on the first all conference team, Close at tackle, Swank at end, and V. Conrad at halfback. Cunningham, Geiger and J. Conrad were placed on the second all star lineup.

The basketball season opened with a determination to end with nothing less than a Conference Championship. Although, these hopes were blasted when Bowling Green defeated the Beavers in two closely contested battles, yet, Bluffton was assured of second place in the victory over Toledo on our own court. In the remaining Conference games the Burckymen triumphed over Findlay and Defiance in both contests. The Bluffton Beavers engaged in some fast competition when they played schools of such high calibre as Northern University, Antioch, Wittenberg, Wilberforce University and Dayton University. Never before in the history of Bluffton has basketball been on such a high plane as it has attained this year. Several all stars were chosen by the Conference officials, including Moyer, Cunningham and Williams.

The close of the basketball season brought on the spring sports. Baseball opened with a lot of new material ready to fill the gaps left vacant by last years graduates. With prospects only fair Bluffton opened the season by defeating Findlay 9 to 6. The remaining games with Toledo, Bowling Green, and Defiance were lost due to the inability of the Beavers to hit, when hits meant runs.

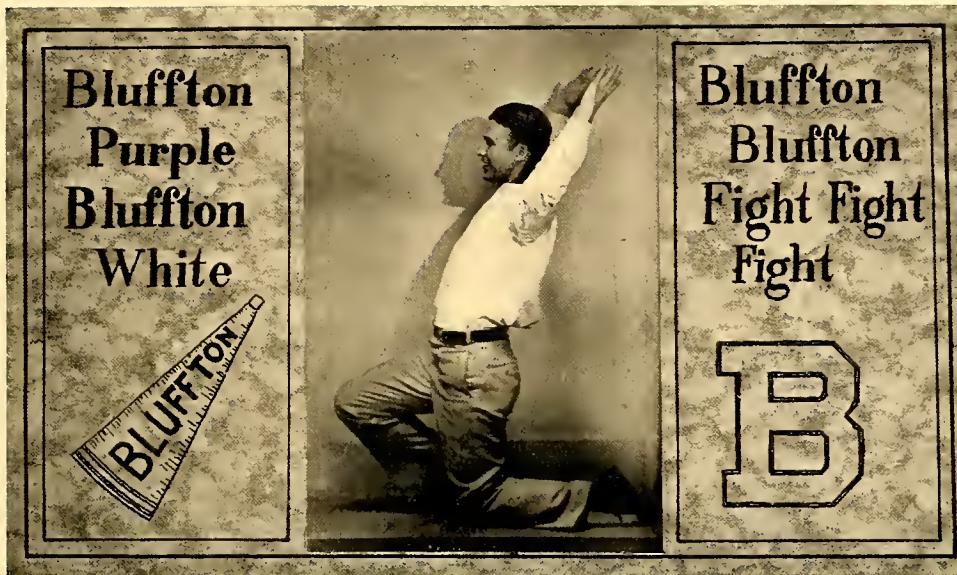
Track is still one of Bluffton's high lights. The first meet with Ohio Northern, Bowling Green, and Bluffton, was won by the Polar Bears by quite a large score. Bluffton, however, came through for second place.

The following week the Toledo Rockets brought a strong team here, but were forced to return home with a 82 to 54 defeat. The following week the Beavers met their first defeat in the conference at the hands of Bowling Green by a close margin of 62 to 64. And yet, there remains two meets including the one with Findlay and the Conference meet at Toledo.

Perhaps the least attended sport at the college is tennis. Getting away to a bad start the Beavers worked themselves up to a team of enviable recognition who have good prospects of a Conference Championship.

The most encouraging fact of all in reviewing the Beaver athletic progress is knowing that athletes are coming to Bluffton without financial inducements and that scholarship is above that of the average student, indicating that the athletes are students and the students are athletes. Bluffton has not attempted to startle the country by producing teams far above her class, but has been content to build gradually and naturally and in such a way that no finger of suspicion can ever be pointed at her athletics or athletic policies.

For when the great scorer comes  
To write beside your name,  
He will not write whether you won or lost,  
But how you played the game.



#### CHEER MASTER

Walt was elected cheer master early in the year by a popular vote of the student body. He had several assistants to help him but he seems to be the only one that has remained faithful to his job. It has been said that the cheering this year was better than any other year before. Probably, the greater success of the athletic teams has been due, in part at least, to this very fact. There seemed to be an increase in spirit throughout the student body this year and much of the credit must be given to our leader.

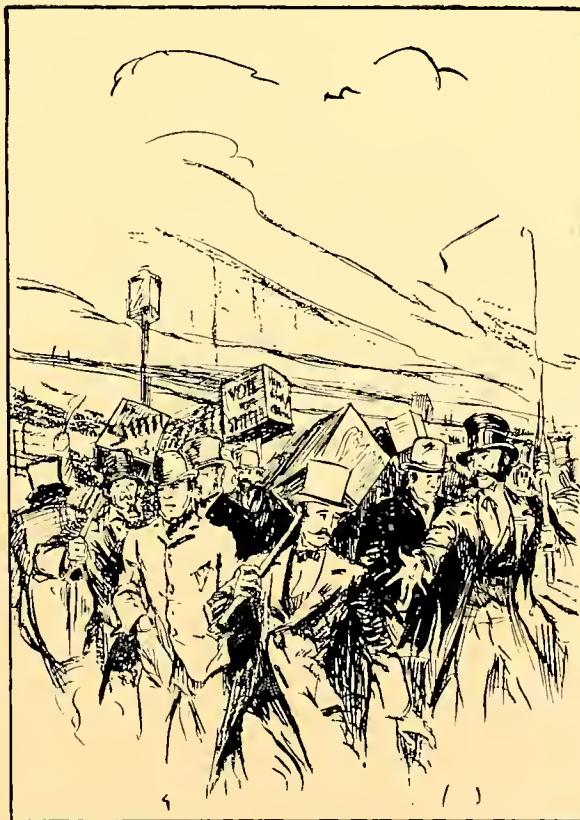
One definite thing that has been accomplished this year, as a result of this spirit, is the band that has been started to cheer the players on to victory. During the football season the band had a definite place in the cheering section and it always added the necessary inspiration and pep to the rest of the "rooters".

#### TO THE BEAVER ROOTERS

How dear to our heart is the regular Rooter  
Who pays at the gate at the start of the game,  
Who lays down his money and does it quite gladly  
And thus helps the "Beavers" a balance to gain.  
Who never says, "No Sir! I cannot afford it  
My time is worth more and my soul has no need,  
For pig skin encounter, which to me is insane."  
How we welcome his presence as he joyously enters  
To pull for the Beavers—to win if they can.  
We outwardly thank him—we inwardly bless him—  
The regular Rooter who enters the stands.

Coach A. C. Burcky.

# THE GRAND REVUE



## B. C. DICTIONARY

B. C.—Place close to nature with facilities for restoring pep and incidentally introducing a minimum amount of knowledge into the brain of each person listed in the college catalogue.

ROPP HALL—Charming bit of architecture situated on the banks of the Riley, the abode of fifty fair co-eds.

LINCOLN HALL—A necessarily substantial structure which protects three score and ten Knights from the ravages of the elements (at least during the hours from 3 to 7:45 A. M.).

CHAPEL—Period during which day-dreams of the speakers become the nightmares of the students.

GLEE CLUB—Organization composed of a select few chosen because of their ability to make others suffer in silence.

LIT—Organization which apes Frats by rushing Frosh.

PREXY—He who is capable of making even the Seniors feel young and dumb.

PROF—One who generously imparts knowledge yet does not hesitate to ask for its return in blue books at the most inconvenient times.

STUDENT—A most unique specimen of humanity, capable of taking the highest scholastic and athletic honors and obeying all laws both written and unwritten, yet firmly refusing to yield to such temptations.

BLUE BOOK—A collection of scrap paper bound together into the semblance of a book, and sold for the convenience of the students. There are six types of the articles A, B, C, D, E, and F. For some unexplained reason the last three types are in the majority.

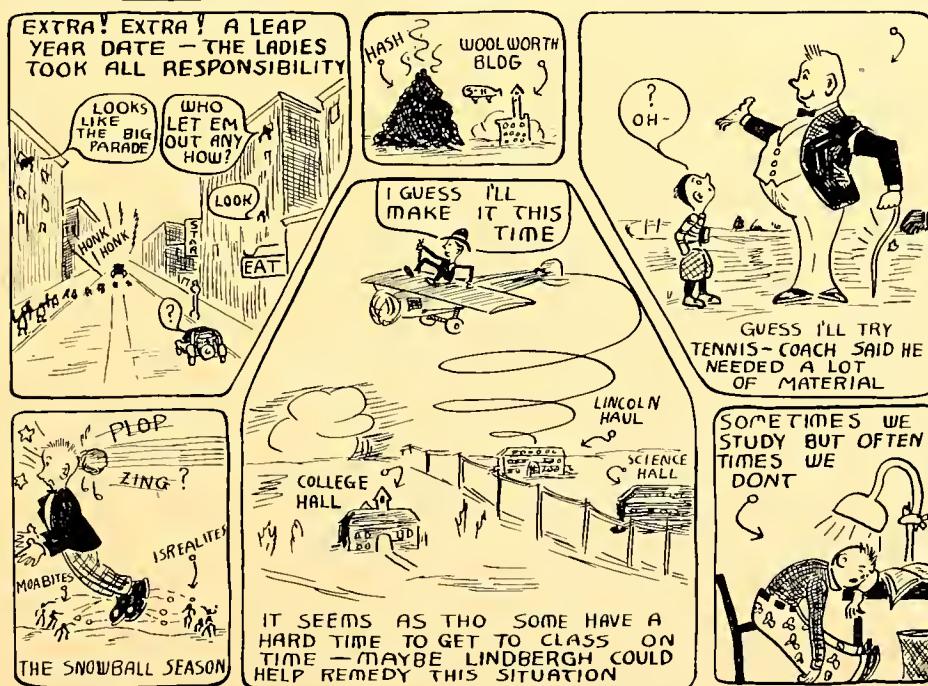
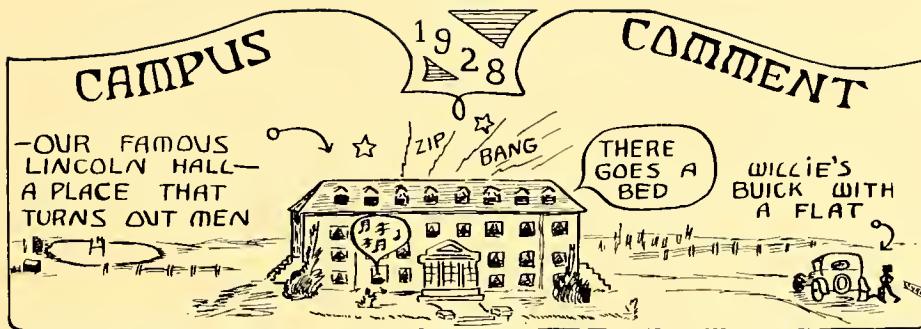
CO-ED—Derived from the two words "coin" and "education". The more "co" there is, the less "ed" there is. The "dash" was placed in between to show that the two cannot be mixed with any success. The name is usually applied in a general way to the female of the species "college student".

FLUNKING OUT—A humiliating noun synonymous with "stepping out", "getting your walking papers", etc. The more common form of the expression is "taking a leave of absence". One of the most frequent reasons for flunking out is forgetting to take a leave of absence in time.

UNEXCUSED CUT—A cheerful respite from the cold scrutiny of pedagogical eyes. Motto involvd—"Fear not for the future, weep not for the past."

DATE—Star Theatre via Krehbiel Bridge and, perchance, the Iron Lantern. Dating is the only all-year-round major sport on the campus. The game is played by young and old with equal zest.

CINDER PATH—A winding trail through the campus, shaded in summer and sheltered in winter; famous for its "dark" history (even in the light of the full Moon) of laughter and tears, proposals and refusals, in short, the most romantic place known to man.



## "FOOLS"

An April Fool: a Ropp Hallite who expects a dollar narcissus from a five cent bulb.

Or for that matter, a May Fool: A man who thinks he'll be happier in the new flat than he was in the old.

And also a June Fool: a parent who hopes that a sheepskin will make a dullard less sheepish.

Not to speak of a July Fool: the patriot of powder whose nationalism is noise.

Adding the August Fool: the chap who fancies the girls admire him in a wet bathing suit.

With mention of the September Fool: who carries on his business during vacation.

Plus the October Fool: who buys a ready-made Jack 'O lantern instead of making a punkin' face.

Like-wise the November Fool: who is the voter staying at home, but bawling at the rotten government.

Listing also the December Fool: who hopes to satisfy an automobile generation with Christmas tree candles and pop-corn.

Continuing with the January Fool: the man who thinks his slate will wipe itself clean on New Year's.

And collecting the February Fool: the bald-head who dreams that any girl can fall in love with him.

Ending with the March Fool: the grouch who growls at the weather. Dry or wet or hot or cold, not a month but has its Fool.

## "She's Not so Dumb"

"So they say we have no sense of humor? Well, the average man is proof enough that a great many women can take a joke."

"She's so keen on reducing that she's dropped her middle name. Beulah—you know, the land of milk and honey is anything but of low caloric value."

"So that's why we're "catty"? It says here in the paper—"a great majority of college women are afflicted with poor teeth, pyhorrea and pussp gums".

"What if we girls who innocently follow fashions are to be condemned as immodest? Imagine the scandal of five pairs of hoop-skirts climbing into a flivver!"

“AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU LAUGH”

Russel had a little Ford  
As everyone did know,  
But everywhere that Russel went  
It was not sure to go.

It took him to Ropp Hall one day,  
He ran to get the maid  
But when he tried to start the Ford  
It sat there in the shade.

He gave it one long, silent glare  
Then mumbled to himself  
They pushed it back to Lincoln Hall  
And there it's sitting yet.

Motor and the girl motors with you  
Walk, and she's not at home.

There was a young lady from Dorset  
Came to college awearin' a corset  
The sистern said “no”  
But she said, “You can go,—  
To keep my waist trim I must force it.

My little brother Willie  
How he sits and squirms  
We're going to take him fishing  
'Cause he's got the-the—bait.

Little Miss Boone  
Sat by the Lagoon  
Areadin' her lessons and studyn'  
Along came her Willie and sat on the hilly  
And the way that they acted was silly.

There was an old woman who lived in Ropp Hall  
She had so many troubles it almost made her bawl  
She put up some signs and drew up some rules  
Now she could be dean of two or three schools.

There was a young man who wanted a date  
He went to Ropp Hall but was rather late  
And when he got there all the girls were out  
So all he could was go home and pout.

# CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER

Thurs. 8—J. Mervin Springer first to appear on duty?

Sun. 11—"Y" Cabinets hold first meeting.

Mon. 12—Old and new students arrive. Mosquitoes were here all summer.

Tues. 13—Registration for Upperclassmen and Sophs. Stahly is mistaken for a Frosh.

Wed. 14—Registration for Frosh. Too hot to get cold feet.

Thurs. 15—Classes begin. Miss Moon to meet all single men. Glen Hilty and Martha Gerber are chosen house presidents.

Fri. 16—Miss Moon makes first inspection tour through Lincoln Hall. Frosh are given their caps and arm bands. Annual "Y" reception in gym to welcome new students.

Sat. 17—The "Wit" makes its first appearance on the campus. Many fellows see Bluffton H. S. play Lima Central.

Sun. 18—All Frosh invited out to dinner. Rev. Whitmer addresses large audience at first vespur service on "Jerusalem and Its Improvements."

Mon. 19—Ropp Hallites are kept awake by yells from the base ball field. It was a Stag party sponsored by the Y. M.; Frosh are initiated.

Tues. 20—Fine attendance at first choral rehearsal. Football practice till 6:30.

Wed. 21—Homer Moser speaks in chapel on life in Brazil. First literary meeting.

Thurs. 22—Y. W. like to College Farm. First Y. M. meeting. Everybody listens in on Tunney-Dempsey fight.

Fri. 23—Paul Smucker and Co. arrive from Goshen just in time for breakfast. Landis elected cheermaster.

Sat. 24—Bluffton wins in practice game from Northern, 8-0. Plant Ecology class takes field trip to Buckeye Lake. Ropp Hall has open lobby.

Sun. 25—Ard Moyer misses Sunday school. Chicken dinner is served to guests and regular boarders at Ropp Hall.

Mon. 26—Campus was littered up considerably by numerous red arrows pointing to room 14, Science Hall. Final Men's Glee Club tryouts.

Tues. 27—Russel Close starts thriving business peddling cider.

Wed. 28—Keen competition in chapel when literaries are announced. Frosh are awestricken by the wonderful display of literary talent.

Thurs. 29—Y. W. introduces itself to new students. Prof. Howe addresses Y. M. Frosh receive instructions from Faculty advisers.

Fri. 30—Miss Boehr entertains "Y" cabinets at the Iron Lantern. Girls are entertained at the First Mennonite Church. Babe Ruth knocks two home runs.

## OCTOBER

Sat. 1—Football men scout B. G.-Northern game at Bowling Green. Ropp Hall girls do their fall shopping at Lima in spite of the rain.

Sun. 2—A beautiful, sunshiny day. An ideal day to go to church.

Mon. 3—Roads out of Bluffton are again filled with ambitious hikers.



Tues. 4—After choral the girls rush "Naughty but Nice." The fellows missed out by going too early.

Wed. 5—First Joint Lit. meeting. After serenading Ropp Hall the fellows brought in some real cider, hence the feed at 9:45 of pretzels and animal crackers.

Thurs. 6—New students given the opportunity to join the "Y's" at the regular meetings.

Fri. 7—Pep meeting after chapel. Vern says we are going to "sock" Capitol.

Sat. 8—Vern was right. We walloped Capitol 18-0.

Sun. 9—Dr. Mosiman speaks at Vesper on the subject "Six Hundred Miles up the Nile."

Mon. 10—The last of the fellows have finally arrived from Columbus. It was a long game for some of them. Frosh have feed on third much to the disturbance of Miss Boehr and the Upperclassmen.

Tues. 11—The ban is lifted and the Frosh are free. A few of them take it seriously.

Wed. 12—We are blessed with rain this morning. The Riley is rising in preparation for the tug of war.

Thurs. 13—Y. W. recognition services. The impressive candle light service ended in a procession through the campus.

Fri. 14—The Sophs prove that brains and experience are worth more than brute strength by pulling the Frosh through the Riley. Snake dance.

Sat. 15—Although Vern hurt his shoulder during the second quarter we won from Cedarville by a score of 19-12. The door bell at Ropp Hall was ringing almost continually for the Frosh are just realizing their opportunities. Bon-fire at 10 o'clock in celebration of our victory.

Sun. 16—Chicken and ice cream. Missionary Moyer shows pictures of Indians at Church.

Mon. 17—Tom Skeyhill delivers very interesting lecture on "Mussolini and the Black Shirts."

Tues. 18—After choral practice Lincoln Hall men rushed the show. Those who lagged behind paid the huge sum of twenty-five cents for their lack of speed.

Wed. 19—Open lit. Walke tells us some things about the private lives of our faculty.

Thurs. 20—The Y. M. featured an athletic program. The Y. W. discussed world fellowship.

Fri. 21—Ralph Hilty tells us someone has purloined his cider. He says he is going to put detectives on the case.

Sat. 22—Luck is against us today. After more than tripling the yardage gained by Toledo U. and after bringing the ball twice within three feet of the goal line we let the Rockets take home the bacon by a score of 6-0.

Sun. 23—Dan R. Triplehorn delivers vesper address on "Contracts with God."

Mon. 24—Junior play cast is chosen. Miss Krehbiel entertains voice students. Ropp Hall diners make forward passes with the "sponge ball" deserts.

Tues. 25—Three homeless kittens find shelter at Lincoln Hall. Ropp Hallites become a bit excited when visited by two masked people.

Wed. 26—Hallowe'en is drawing night. The cats already begin to howl at dinner time. Literary societies trying harder than ever to impress the Frosh.

Thurs. 27—Home Ec. class goes on a picnic. Chemistry students go to Ada to hear American Chemical Society lecture.



Fri. 28—The College students turned out in costume to the Hallowe'en party in the Gym. Elizabeth Williamson won the prize for the best costume while the witches took the honors as the best group.

Sat. 29—A large number of students go to Defiance to see the game. Defiance 13, Bluffton 0.

Sun. 30—This is truly an age of wonders. Paul Gottschall astonishes his friends by spending the entire Sunday in Lincoln Hall.

Mon. 31—Bluffton town celebrates Hallowe'en tonite. The "Kollege Kids" advertise Homecoming.

## NOVEMBER

Tues. 1—Does tobacco have harmful effects? Ask Gotty, Willie, and Bummy.

Wed. 2—Lost stolen or eloped—our Lincoln Hall kittens. Broady and Jess Augsburger arrived to spend a few days with friends.

Thurs. 3—A number of students attend art exhibit at the High school. Prof. Berky conducts open forum at Y. M. meeting.

Fri. 4—Brooms, dust mops, etc., are very much in evidence at Lincoln Hall. The fellows can hardly recognize each other for the dust.

Sat. 5—A full day. Homecoming. Football banquet. Open house. We win from Findlay, 24-0.

Sun. 6—Rev. S. M. Davidian gives a very interesting address on "The Unseen Gallery."

Mon. 7—"Liver" Benson gives party in honor of Ike, Fat and Rabbit. A number of prominent upperclassmen were also present. A good time was reported by all—except the Frosh.

Tues. 8—The common question now is "Have you joined?" Are they talking of revival meetings? No, literaries.

Wed. 9—All new students who have not already joined a literary discover what it is to be rushed.

Thurs. 10—The members of the Men's Glee Club come "dressed" to lunch—not to sing but to take a picture. Dr. Hartzler addresses joint "Y" on "The Futility of War."

Fri. 11—Dr. Smith gives an Armistice Day address in chapel. Philo-Adelphians stage initiation party for their new members.

Sat. 12—Upperclassmen win 7-0 in intra-mural football game. Drs. Close and Hilty do efficient work with their ambulance.

Sun. 13—First day of National Prayer Week. Joint "Y" meeting in the Chapel at 7:45 A. M.

Mon. 14—Walt Landis falls out of his chair in debating class. A large audience appears at the faculty recital tonite.

Tues. 15—Vern, Irv, Bill, Liver and Ard stay up till one o'clock to study.

Wed. 16—In spite of the drizzling rain a goodly number attend the Thanksgiving program at open lit.

Thurs. 17—Dr. Mosiman speaks at Y. M. on "The Reality of Prayer in a World of Science."

Fri. 18—Who will win the Ohio-Ill. game? The question is being debated by the loyal supporters of each team.



Sat. 19—We win from B. G., the only team in the state of Ohio that did not have its goal line crossed during the season, by a score of 12-6. Ill. defeats Ohio.

Sun. 2—Dr. Weaver of Lima gives vesper address.

Mon. 21—Good hunters and good luck bring many rabbit dinners to the Iron Lantern gang.

Tues. 22—The Dayton Westminster Choir gives a greatly appreciated concert here. Mr. Williamson, the director, gives talk in chapel.

Wed. 23—Strenuous Junior play practice. Many old students and grads return to visit B. C.

Thurs. 24—Joint "Y" at 8:30 a. m. in Lincoln Hall Lobby. A delicious Thanksgiving dinner is served at Ropp Hall. "The Enemy" makes its first appearance.

Fri. 25—The last rites of the caps and arm bands were performed in the chapel. The final presentation of "The Enemy" after which Prof. Howe entertained the Junior class at his home.

Sat. 26—Stunt night was a great success. We prophesy that Irv Conrad will some day fill a place in the Supreme Court.

Sun. 27—A great amount of sleeping is done. General quietness prevails through the entire campus.

Mon. 28—Student recital at the College Hall tonight.

Tues. 29—The whole town of Bluffton was in the dark a few minutes during the storm.

Wed. 30—The Riley is again over its banks. Four brave Sophs wade through it barefooted.

## DECEMBER

Thurs. 1—The "Pied Piper" comes to town.

Fri. 2—The Girls' Glee Club gives final presentation of the "Pied Piper" to a very large audience.

Sat. 3—Dr. Mosiman tells us of interesting ceremony when Dr. Compton was awarded the Nobel prize in Physics at Wooster College.

Sun. 4—Eldon Stahly returns home to Lincoln Hall after a short visit to Bucyrus.

Mon. 5—Varsity Basket Ball suits are given out. Men's Glee Club is holding daily practices in preparation for the Christmas tour.

Tues. 6—Chapel exercises as follows: Dean Byers lectures on outside activities; awarding of letters for football; devotionals and pep meeting. B. C. defeats the Lima Superiors tonite.

Wed. 7—Philo-Adelphians give a Frigidaire program, Athenian-Alethians issue a Sunday edition of the Wit. Bluffton Frosh play Rawson H. S.

Thurs. 8—Penn. club holds banquet in Science Hall. The Frosh give both Y. M. and Y. W. programs.

Fri. 9—The Beavers travel to Yellow Springs and bring home a 33-22 victory over Antioch College.

Sat. 10—Durkee is seen about the campus with a bandaged eye as a result of the Antioch game.

Sun. 11—Miss Maybelle Amstutz wins the County Prince of Peace contest in College Chapel.



Mon. 12—Paul Smucker and Fat Burkholder are gradually recovering after a hectic week end at Goshen.

Tues. 13—Prof. Holtkamp frantically tries to get the Choral Society in trim for the Messiah concert.

Wed. 14—Those interested in the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals should report Dick Remple for his ruthless treatment of the poor Lincoln Hall kitty.

Thurs. 15—Men's Glee Club sings between halves at Northern game. Organic Chemistry class attends American Chemical society lecture at Northern.

Fri. 16—Lincoln Hall inmates are unusually quiet tonite. Cause: The Girl's Glee Club is having a Christmas party in the lobby.

Sat. 17—Last rehearsal of the Messiah in the Gym. Christmas presents are already arriving at Ropp Hall.

Sun. 18—Large audiences hear the Choral Society give eighteenth consecutive rendition of the Messiah.

Mon. 19—Ropp Hall Christmas dinner and Ropp Hall Christmas party.

Tues. 20—The "Big Bus" comes to take the Men's Glee Club on their Eastern tour. The Beavers lose to the fast Wittenberg quintet, 26-17.

Wed. 21—Profs. get only a feeble response from the students, so classes are dismissed early. 4 P. M. and all's over. Merry Christmas to all.

Sun. 25—Christmas.

#### JANUARY—1928

Sun. 1—New Year. Time to make resolutions.

Mon. 2—Students return from Volunteer convention at Detroit.

Tues. 3—All students are back except Landis and Moyer who, as usual, are late, and the Ill. gang who is reported snowbound.

Wed. 4—Durkee surely has trouble with his right eye. The huge swelling is due to a slight provocation in the gym. The last Ill. car arrives this P. M.

Thurs. 5—Elmore is slowly but surely recovering from a severe case of the chicken pox which she contracted during vacation.

Fri. 6—Its queer how some girls get so many letters and they all come from Penna.

Sat. 7—We win our first conference game from Findlay by a score of 39-24.

Sun. 8—No vocalizing at 7:30 A. M. for the Glee Club boys are gone. Pandemonium reigned on third floor at Ropp Hall this afternoon.

Mon. 9—Birthday greetings are in order at the west end rooms of second floor at Ropp. Eddie Badertscher doesn't cause any great excitement by shaving his moustache off.

Tues. 10—Lila Wiebe entertains a group of the gay young frosh at the Iron Lantern. However, they had to return to Ropp Hall at ten o'clock.

Wed. 11—Girls' Glee Club practice is broken up by the return of the Men's Glee Club. First Lit. contest. Philo-Adelphians ahead by five points.

Thurs. 12—Men's Glee Club give their home concert.

Fri. 13—We lose to Toledo U. by a score of 24-26. Bruce Curry arrives to give his first lecture at four o'clock this afternoon.

Sat. 14—Bruce Curry's lectures are stimulating much thought on the campus. Small discussion groups stay up until the wee hours of the morning giving their reactions to his talks.

Sun. 15—Dr. Curry delivers sermon at the Mennonite church this morning and gives the address at vespers in the afternoon

Mon. 16—Dick Remple comes to the rescue of the co-eds who are trying in vain to enter College Hall.

Tues. 17—Choral society practices the "Stabat Mater". In inter-mural games the Juniors won from Sophs and the Seniors won from Frosh.

Wed. 18—We lose to Bowling Green in the final second of play. Dick Remple and Walt Krehbiel wreck Russ Close's Ford.

Thurs. 19—Just before the exams, everybody cramming.

Fri. 20—President Gottschall and Dean Hilty make their plans for the following semester. Exams.

Sat. 21—More exams but "Some day, perhaps, the memory of even these hardships will be sweet to bear."

Sun. 22—Everyone trying to recuperate from the strenuous days that were and for those that are to come.

Mon. 23—The teachers are being pestered for graded papers. Exams.

Tues. 24—Worse and more of it but it is the last day. We lose to Wilburforce 45-30.

Wed. 25—Registration for second semester. Physics class leaves for Detroit.

Thurs. 26—New semester begins. Everybody is going to study harder. "Y" discussion groups are organized.

Fri. 27—Harold Hartzler visits old friends on the campus. Lincoln checker sharks play men from Pandora.

Sat. 28—We win lopsided game from Defiance. 38-18.

Sun. 29—Dr. Russell of Duke University opens Bible lectures by address on "The Religion of Love."

Mon. 30—Seth Miller returns to finish his school work. A number of the girls go to Lima to see Ben Hur. Bible lectures.

Tues. 31—Good attendance at Bible lectures.

## FEBRUARY

Wed. 1—First evidence of leap year. Lincoln hall is serenaded after the bible lectures.

Thurs. 2—The Groundhog saw his shadow if he came out at the right time. Bible lectures continue.

Fri. 3—Dr. Russel ends his series of lectures with a very excellent lecture on "Jesus and the Cross." Ropp Hall girls serenade Mrs. Mosiman.

Sat. 4—Many go to Dayton to see the Beavers play the Dayton Flyers. After the game all Blufftonites were entertained by Dad Lehman. The faculty reception at Ropp Hall proved to be an enjoyable affair.

Sun. 5—Most of the fans have returned from Dayton. Miss Moon deserts Lincoln Hall.

Mon. 6—Walke becomes very nervous in debating class. Intra-mural games: Juniors, 22; Seniors, 21; Sophs, 18; Seminary, 15.

Tues. 7—Stan Weldy parades the campus with a black eye. Checker team goes to Pandora.

Wed. 8—Sciorti and Anderson give double piano concert. We wonder where they got the double piano.

Thurs. 9—George Thielman declares that ducks won't swim unless you put them in water. Miss Moon returns to Lincoln Hall.

Fri. 10—B. C. defeats the Toledo rockets in the most thrilling home game.

Sat. 11—A large group of Bluffton rooters travel to Ada to see the Beavers trim the Polar Bears by a score of 46-40. Everybody hilarious.

Sun. 12—Vesper Choir and Prof. Holtkamp give the Vesper program.

Mon. 13—Spud is still popular because of the food left over from the birthday box.

Tues. 14—Valentine day. Many mysteries remain to be solved.

Wed. 15—Glenn I. Morris gives interesting lecture on "Electricity."

Thurs. 16—Many attend the "Life Experiment Groups" sponsored by the "Y".

Fri. 17—B. G. defeats Bluffton 32-27 in the last few minutes of play. Between halves of the game Merl and Eddie demonstrate their ability as vaudeville actors.

Sat. 18—Snow drifts abound but do not frustrate the plans of the leap year party. Ernest Litweiler is back visiting old friends.

Sun. 19—College students go back to childhood and enjoy themselves once more by playing "fox and geese." Ropp Hall lobby is extremely congested. Vesper choir gives concert in Lima.

Mon. 20—Milt and Close, the protectors, move to first floor. Student recital very much appreciated.

Tues. 21—Laura Rosenberger falls down Science Hall steps and breaks her collar bone. All Lincoln Hall lights lit. However, Mrs. Lugibihl is only taking a picture.

Wed. 22—Martha Washington pie served for dinner tonite. Philo-Adelphians decide that Washington is the father of our country. Martha Washington Moser celebrates her birthday.

Thurs. 23—B. C. defeats Defiance 51-43 in overtime game. "Y" discussion groups in vogue.

Fri. 24—Many go to Ada to hear Men's Glee Club contest. O. N. U. first, Bluffton second.

Sat. 25—in a slow, listless game Bluffton trounces Antioch, 56-34.

Sun. 26—Dr. Heinrich of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago delivers vespers address. Irv and Agnes have a DATE.

Mon. 27—Beulah Albrecht knocks home run in base ball practice. Science club organizes. Agnes is seen wearing a Varsity "B" pin.

Tues. 28—Jim Musser elected president of "Y". B. C. wins from Findlay. Seniors are having a little party at Marge Kimmel's with Juniors and Under classmen as Chaps.

Wed. 29—1:30 A. M. the Seniors are given a good send-off for their sneak day. Juniors are fully capable of taking the Seniors' places in Chapel.

## MARCH

Thurs. 1—Seniors return at five o'clock. Some go to classes, most of them don't. Those that go sleep anyhow. Dorm girls have difficulty in adjusting themselves.

Fri. 2—Bluffton negative scores victory over Mt. Union affirmative on the Direct Primary question. Girls are doing their annual spring house cleaning.

Sat. 3—Ropp Hall girls do fine work of entertaining at open house.

Sun. 4—Jake returns from Chicago.



Mon. 5—Upperclassmen defeat Frosh girls in basketball game. Y. M. stag in Lincoln Hall lobby after which the fellows serenade Ropp Hall.

Tues. 6—Varsity goes to Pandora and ends the Basketball season by defeating Pandora 34-20.

Wed. 7—Merl Lehman and Willis Beidler chosen to head next year's Ista.

Thurs. 8—Seniors conduct impressive chapel services.

Fri. 9—Affirmative debate team loses to Ohio Northern in College Chapel while the negative goes to Tiffin and is defeated by Heidelberg.

Sat. 10—The affirmative team travels to Westerville and is defeated by Otterbein.

Sun. 11—Dr. W. S. Graves of Ohio State gives an interesting account of travel at Vesper Service.

Mon. 12—Glee Clubs are working hard in preparation for their trips.

Tues. 13—Mr. Richard delivers interesting chapel address on his work as a missionary.

Wed. 14—Girl's Glee Club gives Home concert at High School auditorium.

Thurs. 15—Vern goes to Champaign to participate in the Illinois relay carnival.

Fri. 16—Boys' Glee Club leaves for a short trip through Northern Indiana. Girls' Glee Club leaves for Miami U. to participate in the state contest. Cincinnati U. takes first but B. C. makes very fine showing.

Sat. 17—Chapel services marked by feeble attempts at singing. Girl's Glee Club broadcast from WSAI. Ropp Hall has open lobby until 11:15.

Sun. 18—Except for a few straggling dates the campus is dead, for both clubs are still gone.

Mon. 19—Boys return from Indiana ready for work?

Tues. 20—Stan gets telephone call from New Knoxville this P. M. Girl's Glee Club returns at midnight.

Wed. 21—Dean Byers is glad to hear the full chorus of voices in chapel. Martha Gerber is chosen May Queen, Zoa Manges Maid of Honor, and Merl Gerber May Day Chairman.

Thurs. 22—Y. M. has an interesting and impressive installation service for the new Cabinet.

Fri. 23—Herman String Quartet entertains Bluffton audience at the High School auditorium.

Sat. 24—Grove street was infested with roller skaters. Lincoln Hall acquires a butler in the person of Roy Mohr who ably assists the Juniors in leaving for Warren Durkee's party. Leslie, how many e's do you have in your name?

Sun. 25—Dr. Fenton delivers interesting address on "Shell Shock and World Peace" at last Vesper service. A large audience and a snake attended the service.

Mon. 26—Liver Benson displays a new suit. Some seniors go to Van Wert to look for a teaching position.

Tues. 27—Very cold and stormy. Inter-mural track meet postponed.

Wed. 28—Philo-Adelphians take all the numbers in the literary contest thus garnering enough points to win the cup.

Thurs. 29—Central Mennonite students are entertained at Rev. Sommers'. Mordy and Paul take the students to Elida to hear the Goshen College Glee club.

Fri. 30—The ice! No heat, no lights, no classes. Town people kindly shelter the shivering dorm students. Mabel Geiger entertains group of College Students.

Sat. 31—The campus was a veritable fairyland this morning but now with all the ice



gone it is indeed a pitiful sight. Mrs. Homer Moser is the main speaker at the Y. W. Cabinet conference at Kitty's.

## APRIL

Sun. 1—The Stabat Mater is given to large audiences both in the afternoon and evening. The Westminster quartet added much to the appreciation of the concert. The dorms are still in the dark.

Mon. 2—The lights come back and the candles are thrown away. Jakie Thielman has an operation for appendicitis.

Tues. 3—Very warm. A few of the Ill. and Penna. students start for home.

Wed. 4—Very little studying is done as everyone is thinking of going home. Vacation does not begin until midnight.

Wed. 11—Back to school again. Oratorical contest won by Musser and Landes. Miss DeLong takes Prof. Richard's place in the department of Romance Languages.

Thurs. 12—Sophomores give chapel program.

Fri. 13—Agnes Sprunger gives graduating recital.

Sat. 14—Otterbein game postponed. B. C. plays Northern in practice game. Florence discovers part of her bedclothing in the middle of the street.

Sun. 15—Heated arguments about the discussion group editorial prevail throughout the campus.

Mon. 16—Glenn Hilty and Blink Smucker return from their trip to New York.

Tues. 17—Shoe is seen in the Riley near Krehbiel bridge. We wonder if it might belong to Anne. Russ Close decides to get sick.

Wed. 18—Mr. Kennel of Dayton arrives to begin his work as assistant financial secretary of the College.

Thurs. 19—B. C. defeats Findlay 9-6. Gerber drives out a Homer in the ninth with bases loaded.

Fri. 20—Relay team goes to Columbus.

Sat. 21—Track team returns from Columbus. B. C. places fourth in the relay and the 100 yard dash.

Sun.—Y. M. Cabinet members return from Wittenberg conference.

Mon. 23—Mr. Shank from Belmore enrolls for College work. Last Ropp Hall house meeting. Pop corn balls are served.

Tues. 24—The flu epidemic breaks out in our midst. The kitchen force seems to be the most susceptible.

Wed. 25—The seniors give open lit. program on trees. Glenn Hilty taken to the hospital.

Thurs. 26—Mr. Fred High gives lecture on Community Building at the High School auditorium.

Fri. 27—B. C. loses to Toledo 5-4. Five Y. W. girls accompanied by Miss Moon go to Oberlin to attend cabinet conference. Stauffer participates in peace oratorical contest at Ada.

Sat. 28—Bluffton entertains B. G. and O. N. U. in triangular track meet. Score: Northern, 76; Bluffton,  $34\frac{1}{2}$ ; B. G.,  $24\frac{1}{2}$ .

Sun. 29—Choir gives musical program at Mennonite church in the evening.

Mon. 30—Beulah Geiger entertains the Seniors at her home. April showers all day long.



## MAY

Tues. 1—We win from Ohio Northern, 7-6. Elnore goes to Aunt Mary's to pop corn.  
Wed. 2—Philos have a party for the Seniors. Hamburgers five cents at Lincoln Hall.  
Track and Tennis pictures taken.  
Thurs. 3—We lose baseball and win tennis from Defiance. Dr. Landrith speaks at the First Mennonite church.  
Fri. 4—Miss Boehr entertains the Senior girls.  
Sat. 5—We win a close track meet from Toledo, 74-52.  
Sun. 6—Men's Glee Club gives excellent sacred concert at the First Mennonite Church.  
Mon. 7—Ropp Hall shelters the town girls too, tonight.  
Tues. 8—Y.W. May breakfast. B. C. plays B. G. baseball at Bowling Green.  
Wed. 9—Last joint lit. program. Philo-Adelphians discuss extra curricular activities.  
Thurs. 10—Y's give Mother's day program.  
Fri. 11—Beavers vs. Rockets at Toledo. Myron Gerber, tenor, gives graduating recital.  
Sat. 12—Dual track meet at Bowling Green.  
Sun. 13—Students attend Mother's Day services.  
Wed. 16—Old and new "Y" cabinets have picnic.  
Thurs. 17—Y. W. and G. R's. have joint program.  
Fri. 18—Otterbein comes to Bluffton for baseball game.  
Sat. 19—Findlay comes here for dual track meet and baseball game.  
Tues. 22—Elmer Kanagy, tenor, gives graduating recital.  
Fri. 25—Bowling Green plays baseball here. Senior recital, Lavahn Potee, pianist.  
Tues. 29—Beavers go to Defiance for baseball game.  
Wed. 30—Exams. begin.

## JUNE

Sat. 2—Exams. end.  
Sun. 3—Baccalaureate sermon by Dr. Mosiman. "The Supremacy of Christ." Girls' Glee club concert. Joint "Y" meeting on campus.  
Mon. 4—Bluffton day. Pi Delta luncheon. Class exercises.  
Tues. 5—Varsity B breakfast. Class reunion. Baseball game, Bluffton vs. O. N. U. Old students and Alumni dinner.  
Wed. 6—Commencement address by Hon. Cyrus Locher, U. S. Senator. Commencement luncheon.  
Thurs. 7—Summer school registration.



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Springer took his girl an apple and she gave him a kiss. Next night he took her a watermelon.

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Stahly—"How long will I have to wait for a shave."

Pat—"Oh, about two years."

§        §        §        §        §        §        §  
Dr. Smith—"Give two important historic dates."

Risser—"Anthony with Cleopatra and Napoleon with Josephine."

§        §        §        §        §        §        §  
Bis Amstutz (in practice teaching)—"Now students, a collision is two things coming together unexpectedly. Give an example Willie."

Willie—"Twins!"

§        §        §        §        §        §        §  
Witmarsum—"Both students riding in the machine which overturned were injured. Mr. Schwartz was injured about the face and hands and Miss Bogart in the back seat."

§        §        §        §        §        §        §  
"No," said the Scotchman, "I don't enjoy smoking a pipe so much. When I smoke my own I pack the tobacco in too loose and when I smoke some one else's tobacco I pack the pipe too tight."

§        §        §        §        §        §        §  
Seth Miller's motto—"If at first you don't succeed go somewhere else."

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Irv.—"What makes this blueberry pie so queer?"

Agnes—"Why, I'll bet I put too much blueing in the dough."

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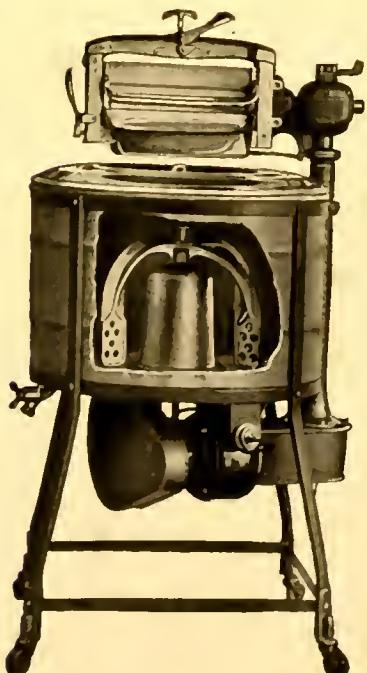
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Miss Moon—"Where do bugs go in winter?"

Sheetz (blushing)—"Search me."

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"Are there any questions?" asked Mr. Beidler.

"Yes, sir," replied Danner. "How do you calculate the horse power in a donkey engine?"

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Stan—"I sure told that girl what I thought of her."

Gotty—"And what did she say?"

Stan—"She said she loved me, too."

§      §      §      §      §      §      §

College is just like a washing machine; you get out of it just what you put in but you'd never recognize it.

Dr. Smith—"Where was the Declaration of Independence signed?"

Russ Close (after waking up)—"At the bottom."

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"The other day," said Eigsti, "I painted a deal board in imitation marble with such effect that it sank immediately when thrown into the water."

"That's nothing," said J. Klassen. "Yesterday I hung a thermometer on the easel supporting my picture of the Polar Region and it fell at once to twenty degrees below zero."

"Go on," remarked Jim, "My portrait of Russel Close is so realistic that it has to be shaved every morning."

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The number of questions a B. C. co-ed answers in class varies inversely as the number of times 149-2R is busy.

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Bobby: "Somebody got an idea for vanishing cream."

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Sheetz: "I wonder why those horses jump around like that."

Merl Lehman: "I suppose they feed them on buckwheat."

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Neighbor—"Was your son home over the holidays?"

Mr. Moyer—"Well, if he wasn't somebody else borrowed the car during Christmas week."

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B. H. S. Teacher—"I call my two o'clock class the pullman class because it has three sleepers and an observation section."

Dr. Epp—"Yes? I call my three o'clock Virgil class the pony express."

#### A Tactful Hint

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Coming upon a football which the farmer's son had brought home from school, the rooster promptly called all the hens around him.

"Now ladies," he said diplomatically, "I don't want to appear ungrateful, or raise any unnecessary fuss, but I do want you to see what's being done in other yards."

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Leslie G.—"Where is the steak on your menu?"

Waiter (reading)—"There sir, sirloin steak a la carte."

Leslie—"Well, wheel it in."

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“But what practical use do you expect to get from your study of trigonometry?”  
inquired Prof. Thielman.

“Well,” replied Ollie, “it ought to come in handy in parking a car during the Saturday night shopping rush in Bluffton.”

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#### The Professor Again

Pity the wife of the absent minded professor. She asked him to order a ton of coal. He had two thousand pounds of ice put in the cellar.

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“Yes, sir, he’s a smart business man.”

“How do you make that out?”

“Why, I heard he has formed a syndicate to buy the advertising space on college slickers.”

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Peg. Biedler—“Why are those trees bending over so far?”

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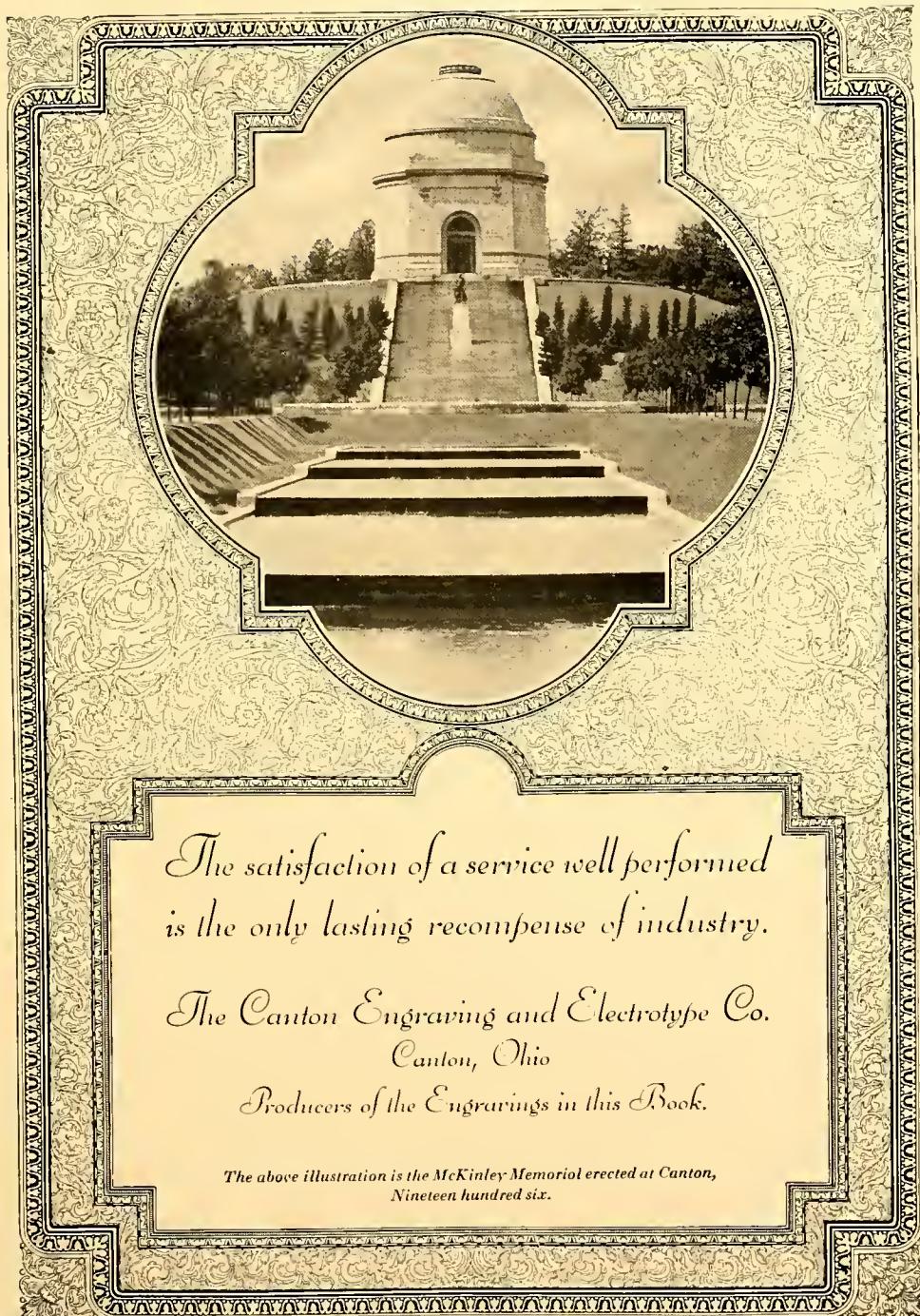
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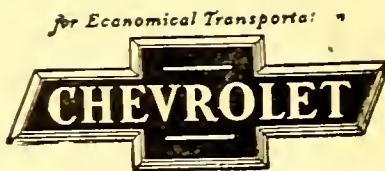
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“Anyway this work in the kitchen isn't very profitable. Could you think of harder luck than working for your board and then losing your appetite?”

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Father (from upstairs)—“Elizabeth, isn't it time for the young man to go home?”

Ted—“Your father is a crank.”

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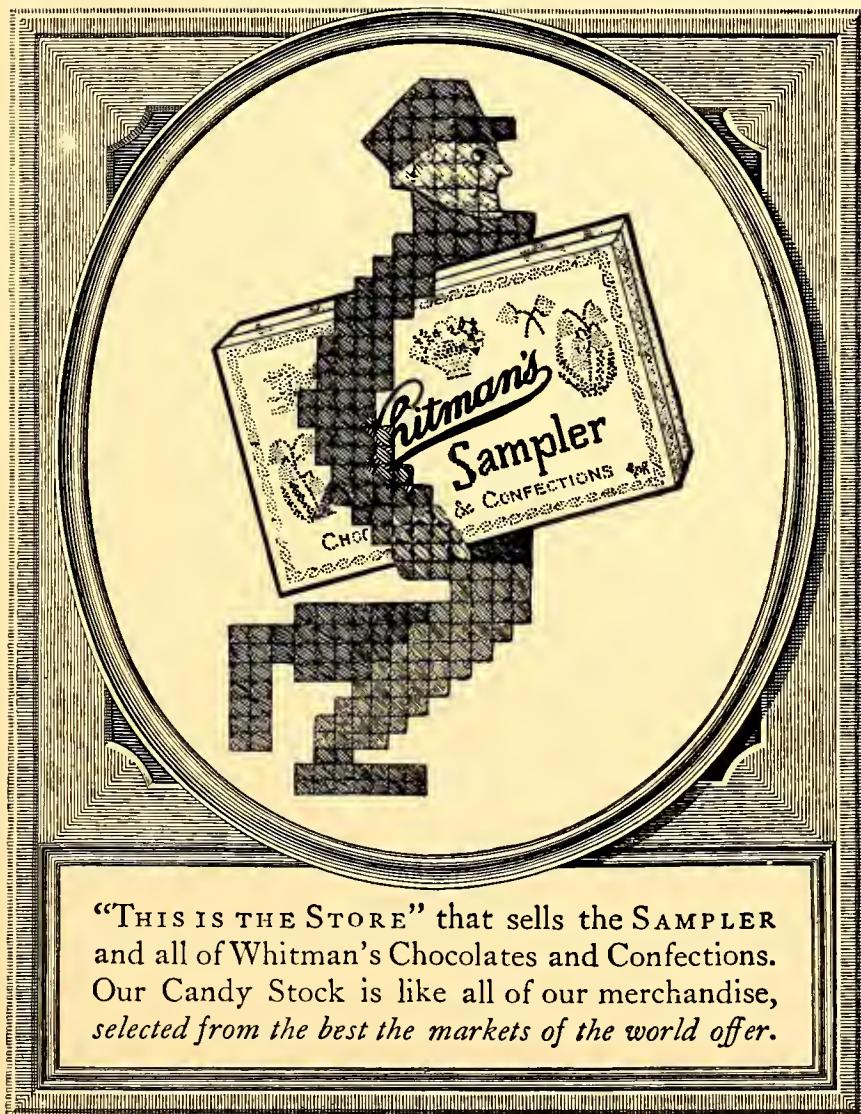


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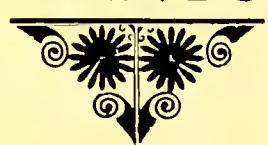
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